First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Loving as Jesus Christ Loves

November 2011

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The Evangel

A few years ago I had a guy in my office telling me that even though I am a pastor, in his opinion, I'm not a very committed Christian. He went on to tell me that I had way too much, made way too much money, and was **not sacrificial enough in my giving.** Mind you this guy was not a member of the church- he was not a Sunday morning money counter- he was not the Financial Secretary- he had never seen my pledge card- he had never seen my paycheck, he had no information- there is no way he could know how much Wendy and I gave to the church, but in his view, all pastors are 'on the take,' so to speak. This is the same guy who was escorted off our property by the police a few weeks later. That said, you might think that I disregarded everything he said to me, but that is not the case. God has a way of speaking to us when we least expect it- I believe.

The first step to faith-filled, sacrificial giving, I have learned, is ***awareness***. Yes, I thought a lot about what my friend said "not sacrificial enough," and I eventually realized he was right. I realized in my heart that I had been holding back for 'a rainy day,' when there were others whose 'rainy day' had already come! The second step to faith-filled giving is ***appreciation***- in the midst of my friend's challenge I began to see more clearly how God continues to bless me- how He has given me so much- and I was overcome by a sense of gratitude, which led me (& Wendy) to (with much joy) increase our pledge to the local church. Yes, the third step to faith-filled giving is ***appropriation*** of all that God has entrusted to use- in other words, faithfully managing God's gifts to us- the gifts he expects us to use for building the Kingdom of God in the world.

The fourth step to faith-filled, sacrificial giving is ***transformation***. Transformation answers the question "Why?" Two reasons: 1) When we give to the local church, lives are changed. When Deanna writes a check and pays a bill, lives are changed- people will never be the same- they will know that God loves them, they will hear a Bible story, they will be able to pay a late electric bill, they will pay their rent and not end up on the street, they will feed hungry mouths, they will prepare a beautiful anthem for Sunday morning, our youth can go on mission trips, our missions team can cook a meal for the shelter, and our children will be cared for by qualified care-givers**---- no less than a life is changed when we give faithfully to our church.** 2) You are changed- yes, you, the giver, are transformed because you see that God's good gifts, which came from your hands, and as a result of your faithful commitment, is going to change the world for the better, again and again, one life at a time!

Finally, I invite you as you prayerfully complete your 2012 pledge card to remember the 4 steps to faith-filled, sacrificial giving of all that God has entrusted to you. You may even ask yourself, "Am I being sacrificial enough in my giving?" "What is God calling me (us) to do this year?"

Blessings,
Pastor Michael

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Healing Garden of the Beatitudes and Memorial Columbarium

For the past three years, this church has been in the process of developing a healing/meditation garden and columbarium. Within a couple of months, construction will begin. The columbarium ministry allows us to fulfill the centuries-old obligation of serving from baptism to death. As the rite of baptism welcomed members into the church community, the centuries-old rite of Christian burial offers parishioners a final homecoming and provided comfort to the living, with the knowledge that their loved ones were near their spiritual gathering place.

The Garden of the Beatitudes will provide a healing pathway for peaceful refection and prayer. A stroll through this sacred space will reveal eight separate reflective areas, each featuring one of the beatitudes with a bench and special plantings. At the center of the cross-shaped walkway will be a covered ramada to provide us with some shade and a place for special ceremonies.

WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?
A columbarium is a structure that is comprised of a group of compartments (known as “niches”) designed to repose cremation urns. Each niche can accommodate two urns. The columbarium is retained within a wall (known as a housing structure) which is constructed of building materials complementary to the existing architecture of the church, allowing the project to look as if it was an intended part of the physical plant.

Columbarium in early Rome meant a nesting place for doves. When Christians, relegated to Rome’s catacombs, began using cliff-side niches to seal away ashes of the faithful who died, the term “columbarium” took on its present meaning: sacred compartments for storage of cremated remains.

Location: Our columbarium walls will reside at the west end of the Garden of the Beatitudes. Each wall can house 60 niches allowing for 2 urns within each niche. Columbarium niches will face the sanctuary creating a more private, respectful dwelling place. Urns containing cremains are placed within niches and are plated with marble plaques. Our columbarium will also house a wall reserved for memorial plaques, allowing representation of loved ones whose remains rest elsewhere.

Niche Sales, Tributes and Memorial Opportunities
Niches, plants, benches, engraved wall stones and other markers reflect tributes and memorials to special family members and will be available for purchase in 2012.

FUNDING
Due to the generous gifts from the C.W. Modene Neely Charitable Foundation and the Kay Collins Sledge Bequest fund, this project has been funded at no cost to the congregation. The monies raised from the sale of the niches will be placed in an escrow account and used towards the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Columbarium and the Garden of the Beatitudes, as well as any administrative and hard costs. The administrative costs include the maintaining and accounting of all records and the hard costs include the niches, urns and name plates which will be placed on your acquired niche.

The C.W. & Modene Neely Charitable Foundation
The foundation strives to honor the charitable intentions of its founders. It continues to give preference to charitable work in Arizona with a priority on making grants that promote the protection of the resources of the earth and that relieve human suffering or improve the human condition. The foundation also seeks to make grants to recipients whose service is consistent with the highest traditions of the Christian faith.

Kay Collins Sledge
Partial funding is also provided by the Kay Collins Bequest fund. Kay was a devoted church member at First United Methodist Church of Gilbert for many years. Her spirit and love of the congregation remain here today.

For questions or comments please contact
Therese Pineda Columbarium Chair
602-686-1259 tpinedarn@mac.com

New Adult Sunday School Class

The Crossroads class will be launching on Sunday, November 6th at 11am in Room 306. Childcare will be provided. t is an exciting new class for couples and individuals that are going through the joys and challenges of raising children (or have plans to do so) and would like to learn from others in sharing a Christ-centered approach to this experience. In addition to the group-led class, Crossroads will focus on providing numerous fellowship opportunities outside of the regular Sunday school meetings, which could include BBQ’s, baseball games and outside service opportunities. The overarching theme is to provide an inclusive environment for participants to build deeper and more meaningful relationships within the church. Please join us in helping build this exciting new ministry for FUMC Gilbert!

Sunday Worship & Daily Bible Readings

November 6

All Saints Day

November 13

Scripture: Nehemiah 3:1-5, 6:15-16

E Pluribus Unum

November 20

Scripture: Nehemiah 12:27-30, 43

It's Not About the Wall

November 27

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

After the Fire

October 31-November 6

Monday	Matthew 25:1-13
Tuesday	Matthew 5:1-3
Wednesday	Matthew 5:4-6
Thursday	Matthew 5:7
Friday	Matthew 5:8-12
Saturday	1 John 3:1-9
Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17

November 7-13

Monday	Judges 4:1-7
Tuesday	Judges 4:1-7
Wednesday	Psalm 123
Thursday	Psalm 123
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Saturday	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30

November 14-20

Monday	Ephesians 1:15-19
Tuesday	Psalm 100
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:11-16
Thursday	Matthew 25:31-46
Friday	Psalm 100
Saturday	Ezekiel 34:20-24
Sunday	Ephesians 1:20-23

November 21-27

Monday	Psalm 80:1-7
Tuesday	Mark 13:24-37
Wednesday	Isaiah 64:1-9
Thursday	Psalm 65
Friday	Psalm 80:1-7
Saturday	Mark 13:24-37
Sunday	1 Corinthians 1:3-9

November 28-December 4

Monday	Isaiah 40:1-5
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:6-11
Wednesday	Psalm 85:1-2
Thursday	Psalm 85:8-13
Friday	2 Peter 3:8-10
Saturday	2 peter 3:11-15a
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8

Christian History Adult Sunday School Class

We began our new course, **The New Testament**, on Oct. 30th. focusing on **The Early Christians and Their Literature**. During November we will look at **The Earliest Traditions about Jesus**, how the stories transmitted orally for years were eventually written down 35 - 65 years after the crucifixion. We will study about the **Greco-Roman** world of pagan cults and **Ancient Judaism**, distinguishing features of the religions surrounding the birth of Christianity. We will study each gospel account: **Mark - Jesus the Suffering Son of God, Matthew - Jesus the Jewish Messiah, Luke - Jesus the Savior of the World and John - Jesus the Man from Heaven.**

This course will take us through the end of the year and into 2012. The New Testament is undoubtedly the single most important book in the history of Western civilization, whether seen as a religious book of faith or as a cultural artifact. It is probably also the most widely disputed and misunderstood. We will approach the NT from a historical perspective, bracketing questions of belief and theological truth to acquire a rich grounding for our understanding of these foundational documents.

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

Please visit the class facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/pages/FUMC-of-Gilbert-Christian-History/114327478609613

Our Preschool . . . spreading God's love

Our church preschool is going green! Many preschool families, church families and Girl Scout families joined efforts to raise money and reconstruct our children's garden in the courtyard. It's beautiful. The Girl Scouts planted herbs and mapped out the garden area and the preschoolers planted yummy vegetable seeds! Watch our garden grow! Mr. Kelly McClain planted grass for us to play on and it's been fun watching the "baby" grass grow up! Thank you Kelly! Also, did you know that our playground is made of recycled milk cartons?

We're celebrating Fall! The preschoolers will dress up with leaf necklaces or super cute turkeys or adorable farmers for our Annual Fall Festival on Nov. 4th at 5:30pm.The families all come as we eat dinner, play games, do crafts and watch the preschoolers sing and dance. What a great evening

We're Thankful! This month we spend time thanking God for turkeys, farm animals, our families and much, much more! It's so wonderful to be able to talk all about Jesus at school!

Weekly Chapel Time is so much fun! Pastor Eve, Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Fink help us learn some really neat bible stories each week. In October we even had a visit from Noah. We helped him pack his suitcase with food for the animals in the ark!

2 year olds, we have the class for you! Registration for our Spring Parent/Tot class is now! Do you know a little one who turned 2 by Aug. 31? Come by and sign up for a class on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Spring!

Check out our Preschool Website: www.gilbertumcpreschool.com or call 892-9166. Lora Norris or Lara Fink would love to talk to you about the preschool!

Thank you……..

To all the volunteers who made the Children's Ministry Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival another wonderful success!

Safe Sanctuaries
First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Do You know what a Pick Up Pageant is????

On Christmas Eve 2011 we will be having FUMC-G's first ever PICK UP PAGEANT. This will be at the 5pm service on that special night! AND ALL CHILDREN (EVEN GUESTS!) are invited to participate in this Christmas pageant.

As the children come in with their families, they will be able to choose which part in the Christmas story they would like to play. There will be angel's halos, shepherds hats and a number of other things for them to "PICK UP". They will sit with their families and at the point in the Christmas story where they appear, they will be asked to come forward and be part of the tableau. We'll even have Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus.

We will need some adult volunteers to help with passing out the "costumes" but other than that the kids do everything else. Please let Mike Stephenson youth@gilbertumc.org know if you can help gather and/or pass out costumes.

The Christmas story will be told in a very special way just for the children and it will be an evening that will be very memorable. We hope you join us then.

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Greetings!

September and October have been busy months for our youth group. We ended September with our car wash. I would say it was a pretty good success. We raised $458.00, washed about 30 cars and there were over 30 youth there to help. Many thanks to our generous congregation and to the adult volunteers that made this all work!

AND don't forget our CPR Training! Thanks to Therese Pineda R.N. for offering this to FUMC-G youth at no cost.

Our first Annual Youth Fall Retreat to Pinerock Camp in Prescott was also a great time! Counselors Tiffiny Scott and Drew Wiemers and a fantastic group of youth made smores, watched *SIGNS* (a scary movie if you ask me), did some wonderful low ropes-teambuilding activities (The youth caught me in a TRUST FALL-Whew!) , had a blast on the high ropes course and of course had our paintball war. We ARE scheduled for next year for the last weekend of September so mark your calendars.

Youth Group (UMYF) went to Schnepf's Farms toward the end of October…FUN! Thanks to the chaperone/ drivers that accompanied us. Plus thanks to Dan Redman for the use of his 15 passenger van! That place is amazing. Please join us for youth group on Sundays from 5-7:30pm…we're really beginning to have a nice size group attend.

Our Wreath sale fund-raiser order is in and wreaths should be arriving the week after Thanksgiving. Good job on the sales! These wreaths are really nice and the congregation will love them. We WILL have extras once the order arrives so those that did not pre-order can purchase holiday wreaths and such later too.

Thanks to everyone that contributed to The Children's Sabbath/ Youth Service. We have a very diverse and talented group of young people.

Take good care

Mike Stephenson

YOUTH CALENDAR

ONGOING

Wed	7:00-8:09pm	Youth Christ Care~ Room 308 Small group Sharing and Spirituality
Thurs	6:30pm	Youth Council meeting Room 226 (TBA)
Sun	9:45-10:45am	Confirmation Class 2012 (TBA)
	9:45-10:45am	Youth Sunday School/ Meet in 308 to begin Junior High- Room 226 Senior High- Room 308
	5:00-7:30pm	UMYF/ Youth Group / Meet in Activity Center Includes dinner- $3.00 fee

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TBA	Youth Council Meeting	6:30pm Room 226
11/30 or 12/4	*Wreath Delivery at church*	
11/11-13	*District Senior High Event*	
11/20	*DCYM Meeting At FUMCG 2:30pm Room 308* *District Council on Youth Ministries*	
11/24 (Thanksgiving)	*Youth ~ TURKEY BOWL- FUMCG*	
TBA	Youth Council Meeting	6:30pm Room 226
12/10	Drop and Shop(Parent's Day Out) Fund-Raiser 9am- 1pm (for shopping)	
12/18	Youth group (UMYF) Christmas party/ White Elephant Gift Exchange 5-7:30pm	

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!!!

All youth will gather, first, in room 308 and then after announcements we will split into our separate classes

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAYS?

Youth *CHRIST CARE*

Begins right after dinner at 7:00pm in room 308.

Facilitators ~Beverly Durica and Mike Stephenson Small group/ great discussion…JOIN US!

Youth Missions

Sierra Service Project (SSP) ***Senior High***

Summer 2012

Fort Hill Idaho is our first choice and SSP will let us know soon. The dates are 7/7-7/15 we may add a day or so too

Junior High Mission

Planned for Summer 2012

Dates and Place TBA

Mission Registration~ SSP Registration has begun

YOU MUST REGISTER NOW IN ORDER TO GO

HELP WANTED

Contact Mike Stephenson at church or cell 775 354 3153

Adult and Youth Volunteer Help

- ❒ **Youth Council Members**
  Help plan and organize the growing youth program.
- ❒ **UMYF COUNSELORS- Sundays 5-7:30pm. (Welcome Rhonda Walkosz)**
- ❒ **Sunday School Teachers - junior and senior high**
- ❒ **Youth Fall Retreat Counselors**
- ❒ **PALS- Adult Helpers for Sunday school (bring a snack and stay to help out)**

Meditation Calendars

The Missions Committee of FUMCG is again selling the church's very own day-to-day meditation calendar in the activity center between November 20th and January 1st. The 2012 edition of FUMCG's Daily Meditation calendar is a compact (4 ¼ x 5 ½ in) desktop calendar inspired by the writings of more than forty men and women who are among today's most popular Christian inspirational and motivation authors. The meditative calendar grew out of six years of a weekly Christian men's breakfast fellowship started right here at FUMGC. Each day of the calendar contains a single engaging meditation selected by our own Norm Haskett from over fifty books he and his fellowship of men have read. Each day of the calendar offers a simple yet profound lesson for us in how we can bring God's timeless Word to bear on the issues, demands, obligations, and choices we continually face in our busy, hectic lives. Cost of the calendar is $10. Proceeds of the sale support the work of the Missions Ministry.

Chili Cook off at the Sheahan's

Saturday, November 12th
Appetizers will start at 4:30pm & Chili & cornbread will be served at 6:00pm.

Please bring an appetizer, chili, cornbread or dessert to share, as well as camp chairs if you have them. We will vote for the best chili, most creative chili, and best cornbread. There are prizes!! Bring the whole family!!

Maps will be available in the church lobby and office. Please call Kristy at 480-332-4322 for more information.

Book Club

The Book Club's selection for the November 17th meeting is The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. The club will meet at 11:30am at June Morrison's home. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy while we discuss the book. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Myrna Eshelman at myrna.eshelman@gmail.com or 480-216-3038.

All Saints Day

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on November 6th during all three worship services. You are invited to bring a flower (from your garden or elsewhere) with you that day to bring forward and lay in a basket near the altar during the singing of "For All the Saints" in honor of a saint in your life who has gone before you. If you are able, please bring more than one flower for our guests who do not have one of their own, but would like to participate in this act of commemoration.

Annual Chili & Caroling Party

Sunday, December 4th from 4:00-7:00pm. Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas music and activities to start off your Christmas season. Bring your family and friends of all ages. There will be something for everyone. Please stay tuned for further details.

Missions Committee

Lisa Sotomayor, Missions Committee Chair - missions@gilbertumc.org

November is the start of busy season to come. Let us share some of the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us.

For over 15 years, First United Methodist Church of Gilbert has sponsored a Turkey Drive to help less fortunate families within our community have a Thanksgiving celebration meal. Monetary donations ($30 per dinner) are collected from our congregation and in conjunction with Albertson's, frozen turkeys and all the traditional "fixings" are delivered to the selected families. Names of recipients are provided by the Gilbert Community Action Program (CAP). Volunteers from our church meet on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to pick up the dinners for delivery and maps to the families' homes. The meal boxes also contain a special Thanksgiving prayer along with information and an invitation to our church. Please use the envelopes in this morning's bulletin for your donation. The envelopes may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the Missions table in the activity center or brought to the church office. If you would like to help deliver the turkey dinners, please stop by the Missions table in the activity center to sign up.

Once again, the Missions Committee has the privilege of teaming with Norm Haskett, who has published another beautiful Daily Meditation calendar, words of wisdoms that stir the strings of your heart as you start your day. Proceeds from the calendar sales benefit the Missions Committee campaigns. Stop by the table in the activity center beginning mid November to purchase your calendar.

Caring for Christ's Community, One Life at a Time.

Music Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helped raise the funds necessary to purchase new **choir robes**. The robes are now ordered, and we plan to debut them during Advent. Thanks to our Missions Team, we also anticipate donating our current robes to a church in New Orleans that is in need following Hurricane Katrina.

Our church looks forward, once again, to hosting the Town of Gilbert's **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on November 22. Currently, the Chancel Choir, Wesleyan Bells, LifeSong, and Sonshine Singers will all be offering music during the service, and we hope that many of our membership will be there to welcome visitors from many other faith communities to our sanctuary.

As always, all of our groups are open to accepting **new members** throughout the year. Many people assume that if they do not join immediately after Fall Kickoff, it is too late. This is most certainly not the case. All one need do is identify which group best fits their time and talents, and come to a rehearsal. If you have questions about where you might be able to serve, contact Marty or the church office.

This month's **Third Friday Jam Session** will be November 18. We hope to see (and hear) you making music in an informal setting - 7:00 P. M. in Room 306.

General Fund Financial Summary at September 30, 2011

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Actual Over/(Under) Budget
General Giving	$408, 959	$446,945	($37,986)
Other Income	$112,356	$85,465	$26,891
Total Income	$521,313	$532,410	($11,095)
Total Expenses	$527,361	$547,160	($19,799)
Income Over/(Under) Expenses	($6,046)	($14,750)	$8,704

Operating Cash on Hand	$103,461
Ideal Minimum Operating Cash on Hand	$140,000
Average weekly giving income YTD at 9/30/11	$10,486
Average weekly giving income YTD last year (at 9/39/10)	$11,516
Average weekly giving needed to meet our approved 2011 annual budget	$11,827

Our giving remains behind budget, but so far this year we have also been able to keep expenses below budget. We are coming into a busy season for the church, culminating in the many activities of the Advent and Christmas seasons. We are also increasing our funding for Youth Programs, under the exciting leadership of Mike Stephenson.

You should have received a mailing regarding our 2012 Stewardship Campaign. Information about the campaign is also available in the church narthex and the church office. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for next year, remembering that God is the provider of all that we have in life. A Christian steward contributes his or her time, talent, witness, prayers and financial resources with a willing and joyful spirit.

Giving statements for the third quarter were mailed the week of October 24. Please review your statement and contact Kim Dare, Financial Secretary (480-892-9166 on Tuesday mornings, finance@gilbertumc.org) if you have any questions.

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.

Christian Women's Fellowship Group

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, November 3rd, at 9:30 in room 212. We will be finalizing plans for a Bake Sale to be held on November 20th in the activity center. In addition we will also hold a Silent Auction for the lovely Southwest wall hanging that was made and donated by Diana Whitford. These activities are bringing us closer to realizing a new stove in the kitchen. Contact Laura McLeod at 480-892-5394 or call the church office if you have questions.

Health Ministry
Directions for the Journey

The Beatitudes are virtues taught by Jesus found in the book of Matthew. They are a series of directions helping us through our journey of choices and actions in life. The Beatitudes provide us with peace and comfort in the midst of trials and tribulations here on earth.

As we move into a time of preparation for Thanksgiving meals and Christmas celebrations, remember to make healthy choices. Keep in your mind and heart those things that Jesus has taught so that we may be comforted and fulfilled. Remember the very first Beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." When we empty out our pride we are able to become humble and can be filled with the grace of God so that we may be transformed.

More than ever, work to be balanced this year in November and December because this year, right now, is the most important time. Keep your fat and caffeine intake low and your water and your blessings intake high.

Peace be with you,
Therese Pineda RN
Director of Health Ministries

Visual Arts Team (VAT)

Happy New (Church) Year! On November 27, according to the church calendar, we begin a new year. This season is called Advent and immediately precedes Christmas. Advent is traditionally a time to reflect on ways we can welcome the Christ Child, Jesus. The Visual Arts Team has created a new set of banners that are designed to help prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord. We pray they will inspire you to walk the journey of Advent with awe and wonder!

Showcase: The current display, "Psalm 23" will remain on display in the church narthex, or lobby until Advent begins. The next theme will be "Angels." If you have any artwork or portrayals of Angels that you have created, or own, please bring them to the church office after November 15 and before Thanksgiving.

We are excited to announce a totally children and youth art show beginning in January. More details to follow!
Please take a few moments to enjoy the original artwork created by several of our members and friends. We want to thank all of you who have provided artwork for the displays! We have received many positive comments and pray that as you view and perhaps even study the artwork, new pathways will open for you to experience God.

Gilbert Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22nd

Our church will once again host the Town of Gilbert's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00pm. Rev. Michael Bryant will deliver a message during the service and a number of our musical groups, including the Chancel Choir, Wesleyan Bells, Lifesong, and Sonshine Singers will perform. We are looking for donations of cookies and bottled for the reception following the service. Please contact Dina in the church office if you are able to help.

Servants in Worship in November

	8:15	9:45	11:15
Acolytes			
Nov 6	Phoebe Leong	Hunter Somsen	
	Emily Ingalls	Melanie Wilson	
13	Ainsley Snyder	Steven Blackledge	
	William Batz	Travis Sheesley	
20	Alexandra Scharff	Hayley Vallera	
	Katelyn Johns	Lizzie MacFarlane	
27	Emily Ingalls	Reagan Metz	
	Katelyn Johns	Alexandria Bose	
Liturgists			
Nov 6	Charlotte Rock	Aaron Leong	
13	Rick Frazier	Wendy Bryant	
20	Eileen Parry	Sharon Kotsonas	
27	Charlotte Hazelrigg	Rich Van Slyke	
Ushers			
Nov 6	Pat Baker	Mike West	Herb Miller
	Ed Riedel	Hal Fairley	Vikki Richardson
13	Eileen Parry	Michael Griffith	Michelle McClain
	Jon Salak	Angus MacFarlane	Kelly McClain
20	Jim Johns	Gary McGrath	Linda McKinley
	Darrin Orndorff	Teri Martin	Paul Contreras
27	Art Poeske	Stuart Wiemers	Michelle McClain
	Jim Ramsey	Andrew Wiemers	Kelly McClain
Greeters			
Nov 6		Strazz Family	
13	Ruby Rosemond-Taylor		Pat Pletcher
20	Sheahan Family	Karl & Sharon Kotsonas	
27			
	Coffee Hour Set-Up	**Coffee Hour Take-Down**	**Altar Flowers**
Nov 6	Fred & Karen Perez	Wiemers Family	David & Bev Graham
13	Eileen Parry & Jon Salak	Hal & Kim Fairley	McClain Family
20	Rebekah Cunningham	Margie Sessums, Joan Krueger	Carlene DuAmarell
27	Ruby Rosemond-Taylor	Open	No altar flowers

Our Condolences to

- *The family of Sumiko Jones on her death*
- *Melissa Coleman & family on the death of her father, Mike*
- *Aaron Wendt & family on the death of his father*

November Anniversaries

1 Bob & Barbara Brown - 3 yrs
3 Agnes & Warren Begley - 66 yrs
5 Kelly & Michelle McClain - 23 yrs
9 Pete & Sheri Lorbeck - 20 yrs
14 Dan & Laurel Redman - 2 yrs
13 Jon Salak & Eileen Parry - 9 yrs
17 Sonny & Diane Shipman - 21 yrs
18 Earl & Pat Knight - 50 yrs
19 Andy & Teri Martin - 14 yrs
22 Art & Sally Poeske - 54 yrs
Dax & Cameron Williamson - 8 yrs
23 Aaron Leong & Ann You - 13 yrs
Jay & Joyce Larscheid - 18 yrs
24 Brandon & Julie Rickman - 10 yrs

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.

November Birthdays

1 Stan Gill
2 Tiffany Scharff
Alex Taj
4 Karen Orndorff
Nico Scanio
5 Terry Bettis
Rhonda Lostumo
Amy Smith
Barbara Valbuena
6 Diane Hagenson
7 Kelsey Gardner
Robert Newman
Susan Prosser
8 David Baker
Rebekah Cunningham
Isaac Curran
10 Chloe Boech
Dan Bose
11 Wendy Griffith
Jeremy Norris
Julie Smith
12 Lauren Gill
Linda Sanders
Kristen Schmidt
David Waechter
Sophie West
13 Evan Annunziata
14 Kay Warg
15 Connor Matthews
Scott Reeves
Bob Stanley
16 Fred Contreras
Kyle McClain
18 Blanche McDonough
Madeleine Pineda
Francesca Scanio
Luca Scanio
19 Paul Perry
20 Michael Bryant
John Granado
21 Cathy Bagshaw
Skylar Ryan
Stuart Wiemers
22 Myrna Eschelman
Teverly Taylor
23 Bella Schaller
24 Megan Barrie
Katherine Willis
25 Barbara Burford
Kim Harding
26 Scott Mara
27 Nancy Peters
Jenny Vallera
28 David Barclay
Darby MacFarlane
Travis Sheesley
Kelcey Skinner
29 Courtney Burford
Allison Krahenbuhl
Shelly Zawacky
30 Sharon Kotsonas

In Our Prayers:

Luke Alls	Warren/Agnes Begley	Katie Bouchie	Brenda Chavez	Contreras Family
Travis Dare	Roberta Dean	Bob/Margaret DeBolt	Margo Doss	Pauline DuBon
Skip Eshelman	Sherry Farrer	Heather Ford	Virginia Franklin	Ruth Gieszl
Irene Groves	Joyce Harvey	Elizabeth Heagren	Ruth Heer	Karl Honaker
Garnet Kepp	Calista Kerr	Earl & Pat Knight	Sharon Kotsonas	Jean/Bob Langdon
Doris Lane	Walt & Ila Mae Luken	Teri Martin	Blanche McDonough	Franklin Nickerson
Bonnie Paisley	Aldon & Marilyn Pell	Phyllis Petrone	Pat Pletcher	Wilbur Post
Susan Prosser	Logan Reynolds	Schleiger Family	Alice Smith	Bill Spence
Barbara Valbuena	Vallera Family	Linda Vernoski	Jake Wagner	Diana Whitford

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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Wednesday Night Programming

Our Wednesday Night programs are designed to feed your inner spirit while, at the same time, bringing our church community together for a time of fellowship. We will grow together in both spirit and community. All are welcome!

5:00-5:30pm Chapel Chimes (3rd-9th grade) – Room 211
5:30-6:30pm Wesleyan Bells – Room 211
6:00-7:00pm Dinner – Activity Center
7:00-8:00pm Pastor Michael's Bible Study – Rm 306
7:00-8:00pm Pastor Eve's Women's Bible Study - 212
7:00-8:00pm Youth Bible Study/Christ Care Groups-308
7:00-8:00pm Kid's Time (PreK-3rd grade) – Room 221
7:00-8:00pm PTF (4th-6th grade) – Room 226
7:00-8:30pm Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Nursery care is provided throughout the evening.

Dinner will be available from 6:00-7:00pm each Wednesday. The theme for the dinner on November 2nd will be a Mexican potluck. Chicken enchiladas and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Coming from work and no time to cook? Consider making a small donation to cover the cost of the entrée and paper products. Food restrictions? Please bring a brown bag meal to enjoy. Our goal is to enjoy a meal together. Please check the bulletin for each week's menu. When the meal is provided, the cost is $3 per person or $12 per family.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

There will be no classes or dinner on Wednesday, November 23rd, the day before Thanksgiving.