



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

May 6, 2018

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30am–4:30pm

Friday by appointment

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Welcome!

Enter with joy in your heart. We are glad you came!

Traditional Service • 8:00 and 9:30 am

Please fill out the attendance card and place in the offering plate.

Ring of the Bell

***Welcome and Greeting**

Rev. Gwen Mader

Prelude

Fantasy on "Beach Spring"
by Michael Mazzatenta

Wesleyan Bells

***The Call to Worship**

Leader

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Opening Song** "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

#166

***Opening Prayer**

Leader

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

How Great Thou Art with Majesty
arr. by Joel Raney

Wesleyan Bells
Sue Hunter, piano

Children's Moment (8:00 only)

Rev. Gwen Mader

Lay Speaker Presentation (9:30 only)

Sheryl McKinney & Gregory Beihl

Philip Tesarek

The Scripture Reading

John 13:1-10

Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God;

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Openness to the Word

Pastor: Now may the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditations of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The Message “Who Is This Man, and What Difference Does He Make?”
“When They Go High, He Goes Low” Rev. Deborah Lerner

The Invitation Rev. Gwen Mader
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *All Pray in Silence*

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God! Amen.

Offering

The Offertory *Hymn from “The Planets”* Wesleyan Bells
Holst/McChesney Sue Hunter, piano

***Presentation of Offering** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **#95**

***Prayer of Dedication** Leader

***The Sacrament of Communion** (Responses in The Faith We Sing **#2257**)

The Lord’s Prayer

Music During Communion *Canon in D* by Pachelbel Sue Hunter

Prayer after Communion

***Closing Song** “Jesus Calls Us” **#398**

Blessing

Postlude “Risen to Victory” by Tom Birchwood Sue Hunter, organ

***Congregation standing, as you are comfortable, otherwise sit with GUSTO!**

Large print bulletins/hymnals, hearing assist devices and children’s bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers.

Welcome!

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Contemporary Service • 11:00 am

*Please fill out the attendance card and place in offering basket
at end of the service.*

The Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gwen Mader

***Opening Songs and Prayer**

The Scripture Reading

John 13:1-10

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Time of Response to the Word

Please respond to the goodness and grace of God in ways that are helpful to you.

Offering baskets are available at the front and at the doors as you exit.

Offer your heart and life to God as you offer your financial gift.

Place your attendance cards in the baskets.

The prayer rails are open and prayer ministers are available in front.

Communion is available to all, regardless of age or membership.

Be blessed! We are glad you worshiped with us!

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are available from the ushers.**

*If you would like someone to pray with you, Prayer Ministers
will be available following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.*

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

May 6, 2018



New Upper Room now available

Get the new May-June edition of the Upper Room devotional in the Narthex.

Large print editions also available. Suggested donation is \$2.

Graduation Recognitions • Sunday May 27

Each year we publish the names of all persons who call First UMC home who are graduating at any level. This year we will publish the list in our bulletin on Sunday, May 27. Please contact the church office at secretary@gilbertumc.org with names of First UMC graduates no later than May 8.



Adult Education Classes in May

Journey 202 • Follow Me • April 25 — May 30 • Wednesdays 6:30pm

Meals are offered beforehand and professional child-care is available.

Alpha • Continues through May 17 • Thursdays 6:00pm

For information about class offerings and enrollment, write the class name in the comments section of the yellow attendance card and either leave in collection plate; drop off in office; call (480) 892-9166 or email secretary@gilbertumc.org.

The Welcomaires • Sunday May 27

Free **Southern Gospel Concert** featuring The Welcomaires with Special Guest Mitch Snow. Hot dog dinner at 5 pm; Concert begins 6 pm.



Volunteer Opportunities in Congregational Care

Prayer Note Writers

Our Congregational Care prayer team is in need of persons who can assist with writing notes to persons sending in prayer requests each week. The ideal candidate would have the gifts of encouragement and faith, know the Bible, be able to keep the confidentiality of the requests, and be a person who cares deeply for others. The note writers meet Mondays at 9:30 AM in room 133. Training will be provided.



Birthday/Anniversary Cards

Congregational Care sends out Birthday and anniversary cards to all our members and constituents each year. If you would like to join the group that makes the cards, we need you! We also can use your extra new store-bought cards. To join in this effort, contact Molly Belcher at billandmollie@hotmail.com or pastorgwen@gilbertumc.org

Join the Congregational Care Ministry

Do you feel a calling to help the Congregational Care Ministries? Contact Pastor Gwen!

Congregational Care Support Groups

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



Grieving the loss of someone close to you?

Find comfort and support at GriefShare

Join any time
Saturdays
9:00 - 10:30 am
Room 140

Living Hope



**A support group for those
experiencing Trauma or PTSD**

Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Room 205

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Please call office for information or enrollment (480) 892-9166

Sunday, May 6	Time	Room
815 Adult Class: Video and Discussion	8:15 am	142
Christian History: The Power of Parable	9:30 am	133
Homebuilders Class: Watching various video presentations	9:30 am	142
Adult Bible Study: "That the World May Know" led by Pastor Gwen	11:00 am	133
Living the Questions: Christianity for the 21st century adult	11:00 am	142
Gen X: Ask, Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age	11:00 am	201
Explorer's Luncheon: For those interested in joining the church	12:15 pm	AC
Tuesday, May 8	Time	Room
Women's Bible Study: Discerning the Voice of God	9:00 am	142
Praying: Join us for a time of prayer	1:30 pm	S
Wednesday, May 9	Time	Room
Chat 'n' Chew: Gather to share lunch and fellowship	Noon	133
Fellowship Supper: \$3 each/\$12 max per family	5:30 pm	AC
Journey 202: "Follow Me" with Pastor Gwen	6:30 pm	142
Lego Builders Club: Building Bible Stories (K-3rd)	6:30 pm	131
Youth Wednesday Class: "The Kingdom Builder"	6:30 pm	140
Living Hope: For those having experienced trauma or PTSD	6:30 pm	205
Thursday, May 10	Time	Room
Christian Women's Fellowship	9:30 am	142
Alpha: Explore the basics of Christian Faith	6:00 pm	AC
DivorceCare: Support for those facing separation or divorce	6:30 pm	200
Saturday, May 12	Time	Room
Gilbert Men's Breakfast: Leading Men to follow Christ	7:00 am	AC
GriefShare: Support for those grieving—join any week	9:00 am	140

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LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

VBS
Preschool — 6th Grade
June 4th — 8th
gilbertumc.org/vbs

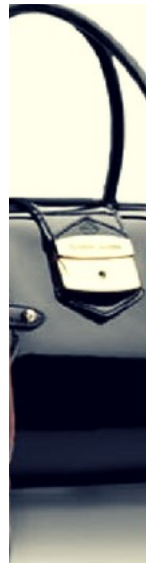


Recurring training for
 staff and volunteers

Sunday, May 20
 12:30—2:30 pm Room 133

Tuesday, May 22
 6:30—8:30 pm Room 142

Please RSVP with your preferred
 session to Sylvia Harris at
connections@gilbertumc.org



First UMC Gilbert's
**Mother's
 Day Purse
 Drive**

Collecting New or Gently
 Used Purses pre-packed with
 small gift items. Purses are
 all being delivered to ladies
 in need of some purse joy!
Collecting Until May 6th

ELECTRONIC GIVING

On-Line	Smart Phone App	Text-To Give
<i>Checking, Savings, Debit or Credit</i> † www.firstgilbert.church † Create an account Or login for returning users † Give	<i>Debit or Credit</i> † Download the app † Find First United Methodist Church of Gilbert † Give 	<i>Debit or Credit</i> † Text 480-712-1057 and the amount you wish to donate † Make sure to use the dollar sign before the amount. † Example: \$25



Who Is This Man?

(And What Difference Does He Make?)

SERMON SERIES by REV. DEBORAH LERNER

using the book by John Ortberg

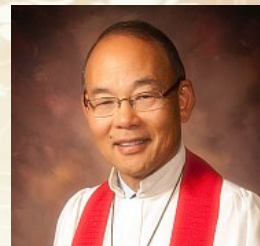
May 6 When They Go High, He Goes Low
May 13 What Matters is the Heart

Special Confirmation Service

Saturday May 19 at 4:00 pm

With **Bishop Bob Hoshibata** Preaching

*Bishop Hoshibata is the Resident Bishop of
the Desert Southwest Annual Conference of
the United Methodist Church (and our bishop!)*



Plan to join our 15 confirmands, friends and family for a special service of confirmation and communion. Those wishing to join the church will be introduced and received into membership on May 20, Pentecost Sunday.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

For questions contact Janelle Chiricuzio at
childrensministry@gilbertrumc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Classrooms

9:30

Preschool Room 146
Kinder—First Room 144
Second—Fourth Room 205
Fifth—Sixth Room 203

11:00

Kinder—Sixth Room 205

FIRST KIDZ - May Curriculum

Preschool

People are God's works of art.



Preschoolers will learn that God has a plan for them through the story of Joseph. Bottom Line: God has a plan for me!

Wednesday Nights

Lego Club

Building Bible Stories (K-3rd grade)
6:30 pm • Room 131

Elementary & Preteen



Untangle the web and keep your source code true. Honesty is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.



Older Youth— Wednesday Nights

The youth will be working on a new book *The Kingdom Experiment* youth edition which looks at the Beatitudes.

They also will be working on a dramatic piece that they will be creating, writing, and then acting out! Please look for this to make its way to our congregation! Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 pm

Youth News (7th—12th Grade):

Please contact Ray Vallera at youthministry@gilbertumc.org regarding Youth and Family Ministries at First Gilbert.



***Please keep an eye out for emails regarding mission trip meetings & planning dates. Emails will be from Philip Tesarek or Ray Vallera.

Youth Sunday Morning Studies

Senior High • Meet in Room 140 • Studying John 13:1-10

Junior High • Meet in Room 200 • Jeremiah 29:11

Confirmation Class

Our final week of class • “Where Do You Stand: The Power to Choose”

Youth Sunday Evening Gathering

4:00-6:00 pm in Activity Center for Taco Fiesta!

St. Vincent de Paul-Mesa Urban Farm • May 12

Need three volunteers to help serve the urban farm in Mesa on May 12 from 8-11 am. For details or to RSVP contact Ray or Ron Mason today!

Sunday School Class Advancement • May 20th

The first day of Sunday school move-ups will be on May 20.

- Current 6th graders will join the Junior High upstairs in Room 200
- Current 8th graders will join the Senior High in Room 140

Starting June 3 (and thru summer months) everyone meets together in the Senior High Room 140.

Youth Pool Party • Friday June 1 • 4-8 pm

All youth participants (incoming 7th thru outgoing 12th) are invited to join us for our annual pool party at Ron Mason's community pool. We'll have food, drinks and plenty of fun for everyone. Please bring a drink or snack to share with friends. Parents are welcome too. Please RSVP to Ray for food count.

Youth Praise Band - “Follow the Leader”

We are searching for 3-4 youth to join the Youth Praise Band. Three current members will be graduating. Rehearsals held Sunday before the 9:30 am service. Get a free T-shirt! Contact Ray if interested.

Thank you for attending our services today

If you have any questions please stop by our Welcome Cart for a map and assistance or contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

Nursery & Comfort Room

Nursery care is available from 7:45am – 12:30 pm, staffed with professional care givers. The nursery is located in room 131 & 132.

Nursery care is also available for pre-planned meetings/events.

A Comfort Room for parents with young children is located at the South end of the lobby, just outside the Sanctuary. This is a comfortable room that provides a great view of the sanctuary and audio of the service.

Servants in Worship

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Ushers	Mike Harris Sean Comstock	Susan Young Dennis Young	Michelle McClain Lee Morrison
Leader	Katie Bird	Philip Tesarek	
Greeters	Art Poeske	Heather Gomez	
Coffee Hour	Val Kellog Andy Rodriguez	Erna Huitema	
Prayer Ministers	JoAnn Mannion	June Morrison Aryn Peppin	

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 and 9:30 Traditional • 11:00 Contemporary



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