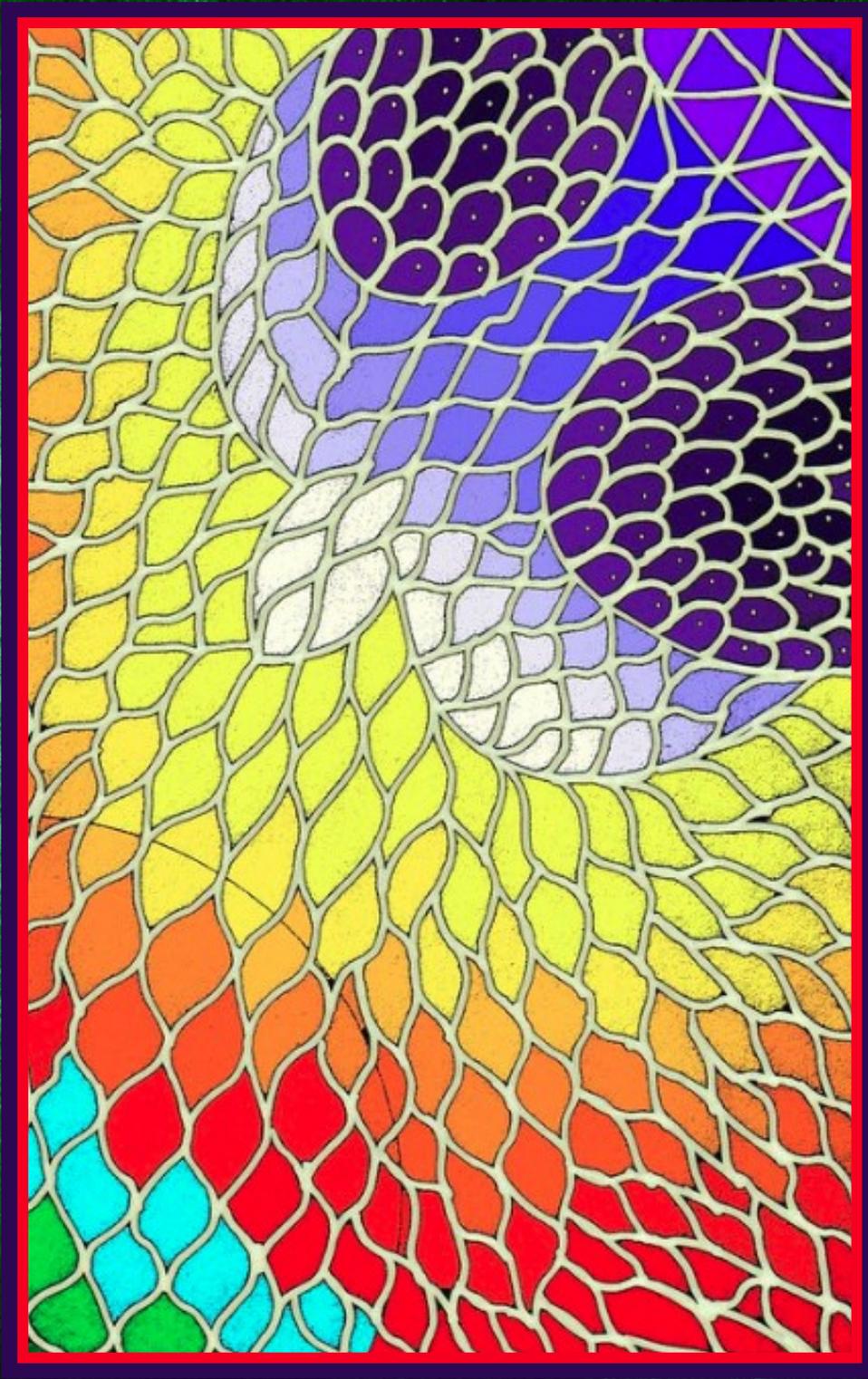


# The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

June 2019



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## A Note to the Congregation

It is an exciting time at First United Methodist Church of Gilbert. We have finalized the sale of the land to our east and are working on an aggressive plan to begin beautifying and improving our campus. You will begin to see signs of these designated funds being put to good use over the coming months. We recognize our ongoing campus security issues as well as the worn-down state of some areas on our campus. Keep an eye out and an ear open for regular updates to how we will be putting these funds to use, living into the mission of our church *to lead people of all ages on a journey to become deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ.*

We hope you catch the excitement of the Holy Spirit at work on our campus and in our lives in the coming months!

### Have you seen this new detail in Sunday's bulletin?

Attendance on May 26, 2019 354	General Fund Giving for May 26, 2019 \$9,768	General Fund Giving for April 2019 \$56,683	Expenses for April 2019 \$68,529
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In an effort to communicate openly with the congregation, the Finance Committee has asked for a snapshot of financial information to be included in the weekly bulletins and in the monthly Evangel. Here's what the boxes represent and what the numbers mean:

- Attendance represents the total number of people (adults and children) that worshiped with us on Sunday morning between all 3 services for the prior Sunday's date.
- General Fund Giving (weekly) is the amount of money that was collected through Sunday Morning Offering and online giving the prior Sunday (date listed) that supports the church's annual budget.
- General Fund Giving (monthly) is the total amount of money we received for the month through all incoming sources that was used to operate the annual budget.
- Expenses (monthly) is the total amount of money spent from the annual budget. The annual budget includes, salaries, utilities, office expenses and program expenses. This number DOES NOT include any designated giving. For example, designated giving would include Pastor's Discretionary, Youth Mission Trip, VBS, Missions, etc.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we thank you for your faithful support of our church. If you have any questions about the church's finances, please contact Brian O'Brien, Finance Chair [financechair@gilbertumc.org](mailto:financechair@gilbertumc.org) or Casey DeWitt, Treasurer/Church Accountant 480-892-9166 [accountant@gilbertumc.org](mailto:accountant@gilbertumc.org)

#### ***Interest in online giving through your computer, phone or tablet?***

It's easy and convenient. To learn how, please contact Taleen (Financial Secretary) at 480-892-9166 Tuesdays or Thursdays from 2-6pm or [financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org)

## Free Will Concert • A Band Members' Perspective by Dirk Smith



After years of playing with the Praise Band, the Benefit Concert on May 4th fulfilled a ten-plus year vision and answered prayer for our contemporary music ministry at First United Methodist Church of Gilbert. A Saturday Night praise/worship service has been discussed since 2006 and this week it came to pass.

Being a part of the service was such an awesome blessing, and the participants seemed to really enjoy the music. Praising God in song and worshipping His Son Jesus means so much to a follower of Christ. We all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during the concert and what an amazing experience it was for all. To be a small part of such a wonderful night meant so much to me and to Sherry Clack, being two long-time members of the praise and worship team. This is especially meaningful, knowing the humble roots of the Praise Band and the hard work and dedication that we have had over its early years.



I as well as many others joined this congregation because of praise and worship services. I recall being drawn to the church by familiar popular contemporary songs played during our third service and seeing the faces and spirit of those leading these services. These same types of songs filled the air on Saturday and brought a new level of worship experience to our church.

I remember Joe Bayer's vision during the "Lifesong" days and what a Praise Band was supposed to be. Saturday we did our level best at meeting and bringing that vision, that sound, that worshipful attitude, and that blessing to our church and to the contemporary music ministry. What a blessing it was for me.





## Thank you!

We have been teaching preschoolers since 2005 here at church! Each class has been treasured and such a JOY to teach!

What a blessing to have this ministry at our church. Thank you to all of the people who support and encourage us!

## Last Month

During our last few weeks in school, we enjoyed a beautiful end of year performance in the sanctuary, called "I Am Special". Thank you Pastor Rick for starting us off in prayer! The children sang for their loved ones, recited bible verses that they'd been learning all year, watched a slideshow that included all the students in the school and then enjoyed a cookie in the courtyard! Thank you to all our committee members for their help and support for this event!

Preschoolers also shared a beautiful Spring morning together with their moms! Muffins with Moms was a big hit! All classes shared a morning snack in the preschool courtyard and the children gave their mothers a gift that they had made. Although it rain a bit each morning, everyone had a wonderful time together!

## Registration for 2019-2020

Share the news with a friend... we have a spots open in our Tuesday/Thursday 3s class (9-11:30am) and in our Parent Tot class (Wednesdays or Thursdays, 9-10:30am). Our program teaches children about Jesus' love and prepares them academically for elementary school. Check out our website or call 480 892 9166 for more information!

Details about the start of the school year

Enrolled students will receive an email in early July about class placement, Open House night and the first days of school. We are already excited to begin another awesome year of preschool!

## Summer Fun Ideas

Spending time together is the most special part of the Summer! Keep the activities simple and just enjoy them.

Blow Bubbles. Go on a Nature walk in the morning and find each of the colors of the rainbow. Paint with water on the back porch. Have a dance party! Make a cave or fort by covering a table with several sheets, have a picnic in there! Make Clean Mud

Materials needed: 1 bar of Dove (or other moisturizing soap), 1 roll of white toilet tissue, warm water, and grater

Grate the soap into your sand and water table or into a large bin. Have children rip toilet tissue into the bin Add warm water a little at a time. Mix together with hands—enjoy!

Extension: Try adding glitter to the mix—beautiful!

# It's been a fun year with First Kidz!



Have you ever played PAC-MAN? The best part of that game is eating the large power pellets. Pac-Man immediately powers up, and then you can do anything. The bad guys can't get you! You can eat them and earn bonus points doing it! It's awesome! Feeling like we can do anything is a pretty great feeling. We may not have power pellets lying around to power up, but we do have another power source—a real power source that gives us the power to do everything God wants us to do. His name is Jesus. And, He is AMAZING!



Janelle Chiricuzio, Director [childrensministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:childrensministry@gilbertumc.org)

# Children's Ministry



## 2019 Confirmation Class



Kalia Carpenter



Adeline Compton



Alicia Hemingson



Larson Hemingson



Hailey Houseman



Sarah Shanks



Sean Wyatt

### CONGRATULATIONS 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pastor Rick, Pastor Diamond and Ray wish to congratulate our confirmands for completing the 14 week class and joining church membership. We look forward to walking this next part of your journey alongside you and together! We appreciate your uniqueness, talents and gifts that you all bring to the community!



### Youth Summer Volleyball is under way 5/6-7/24

Please see Ray if you missed sign up & wish to play. Games played Wednesdays (7-8 pm) starting June 5th and ends July 24th . Tournament is July 26th & 27th. Practices Sunday 1-3 pm in Activity Center. Registration fee \$15. Graduating seniors play free. All skill levels are welcome to join us.

### Youth Mission Trip

Our mission trip to San Diego California with Youth Works will be away from 6/30-7/5.

# *Congratulations to our* **2019 Graduates**

*Honoring all of our graduates at all levels, some of whom are listed below, and the many family members, teachers and mentors who helped guide them in their academic pursuits.*

Katie Clark, graduating from Greensboro College in North Carolina  
*Bachelors Degree with honors — Biology; Taking lab position at Duke University*

Kyle Gill, graduating from University of Arizona  
*Bachelors Degree — Industrial Engineering*

Addie Fairley, graduating from Arizona State University  
*Taking a job in Washington D.C.*

Parker Jayne, graduating Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO

Madison Mullins, graduating from Arizona State University  
*Bachelors Degree — Criminal Justice*

Jeremy Norris, graduating from  
Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Sean Slamka, graduating Arizona State University

Giannina Smith, graduating from University of Florida

Nicklaus Smith, graduating from University of Florida

Brandi Vallera, graduating 8th grade and to attend Basha H.S.

Michael Carpenter, graduating from Mesquite H.S.

Alexandra Scharff, graduating from Williams Field H.S. and EVIT.

Justin Michael Diaz, graduating from Highland H.S. to attend ASU.

Christopher Eggen, graduating from Mesquite H.S.

Emily Ingalls, graduating from Gilbert H.S. and to attend  
Goucher College in Maryland.

Madison Lutes, graduating from Mesquite H.S.

Oliviya McCluskey, graduating from Mesquite H.S.

Haley Mullins graduating from Mesquite H.S.

Riley Norris, graduating Casteel H.S. to attend  
Embry—Riddle Aeronautical University.

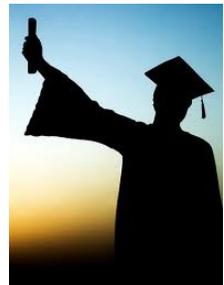
Hailey Palmer, graduating from Chandler H.S. to attend  
Oklahoma City University on Choral scholarship.

Makena Sy, graduating from Perry H.S.

Emma Strazz graduating from Perry H.S.

Hayley Vallera, graduating Hamilton H.S. to attend  
Chandler Gilbert Community College.

Ricky Zeilstra, graduating Mesquite H. S.



Register today for  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 June 3-7 from 9am—Noon



Join us for a fun week of Bible stories, crafts, games, missions, and friendship!  
 Cost is \$35 per child with a \$75 family cap. Financial assistance available upon request.  
 Register here: <http://gilbertumc.org/vbs>  
 We need adult and youth volunteers, and donation of snack items:  
 Cheese Sticks Ritz Crackers Bags of Carrots Ranch Dressing Apple Slices  
 Graham Crackers Teddy Grahams Popcorn Goldfish Vanilla Icing  
 Contact Janelle on patio between services or at [childrensministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:childrensministry@gilbertumc.org).

Sign up today to PLAY or SPONSOR the



**Western Skies Golf Club ■ June 15**  
*A Great Father's Day Idea!*

Benefits the Gilbert Men's  
**Student Scholarship Fund** providing  
 College or Trade School assistance.

Look for the table on the patio or contact:  
 Mike 602-510-6562 | Sean 630-730-5698



**Gilbert Men's Ministry Pathfinders Breakfast**

Saturday June 15 • 8 - 9:30am • Activity Center RSVP: [MensGroup@gilbertumc.org](mailto:MensGroup@gilbertumc.org)  
 Enjoy a hearty breakfast, life sharing, spiritual growth and support!

**Looking for Gently Used  
 Wi-Fi Equipment & Computers**

Have you bought a new Wi-Fi router, computer, tablet, or laptop recently? If so, you may have your "old" equipment laying around and taking up space. Donate them to Church's IT program as we continue to update the Wi-Fi equipment around the church campus. We will even securely wipe your data. Drop off donations at the Church Office. Questions? Contact Philip Tesarek at [ITSupport@gilbertumc.org](mailto:ITSupport@gilbertumc.org) or (480) 510-4588. Thank you!



## **First Gilbert Spring Picnic - Thank you!**

The Family Ministry team wishes to thank everyone for coming out to the church spring picnic in April. It's always nice to reconnect with those that we may not always get to see on Sunday mornings, due to conflicting schedules. We had about 90 people in attendance, kept the kids busy with two



different inflatable slides & bouncers, served up around 80 burgers and 100 hotdogs, enjoyed great live music from the awesome First Gilbert Praise band, and had many joyful conversations. Thank you to all those who brought food, helped set up, and those that came for fun, food and fellowship!

## JOIN US SUNDAYS 9:30AM IN ROOM 142 FOR — PERSPECTIVES ACROSS GENERATIONS —

Bringing people from across generations to explore topics presented in videos, and sharing those diverse views that come from different life experiences and ages.

Join us as we reduce polarization, increase understanding and learn to help each other on our Christian journey. No sign-up necessary.

Please contact Tom McKinley for more information at [tom.mckinley@cox.net](mailto:tom.mckinley@cox.net)

### **Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:**

June 3-7 **VBS** Donations and volunteers needed! We need 80's or 90's themed video game paraphernalia. Contact Janelle at [childrensministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:childrensministry@gilbertumc.org)

June 15th **Gilbert Men's Golf Tournament** for Student Scholarship Fund for either College or Trade School assistance. Call Michael a

June 3 through July 13 there will be several opportunities for our youth to experience **Mingus Summer Camp**. Visit [www.dsccamps.org](http://www.dsccamps.org) for more information. t 602-510-6562 or Sean 630-730-5698 to register or for more information.

Friday June 28 6-8 pm **Movie Night** in the Activity center

Saturday July 27th 5-7:30 pm **Family Ministry Dinner and Game Night**

Friday Sept 13 **Diamondbacks Game/Faith and Family Concert** featuring "King and Country"



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Join us at [www.3088Scouts.org](http://www.3088Scouts.org)

Troop 3088, an All-Girls Troop, is actively meeting  
Mondays @ 7 pm at 331 S Cooper Rd in Gilbert  
Ages 11-18. Interested?

Contact Philip Tesarek via email at [scouting@gilbertumc.org](mailto:scouting@gilbertumc.org) or call 480-510-4588



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**Congregational Care Support Groups**  
*For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Diamond at [pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org](mailto:pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org) or 480-892-9166*

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**Divorce Care** is meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30pm through June 4 in the Sanctuary. Please join any time, all are welcome. Facilitated by Adriana Hernandez and Ruth Lee. Please contact Adriana at [adriana.143.10@gmail.com](mailto:adriana.143.10@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.



### **Grief Share Support Group**

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them. This support group Led by Kay Pealstrom is meeting on Saturdays from 9am-10:30am in Room 133.



### **Parents with Young Children**

This support group is for parents who have new babies or a child under 12 months. To join contact Lydia and Matt Ramirez at [lydiamramirez@gmail.com](mailto:lydiamramirez@gmail.com)



### **Living Hope Support Group**

A group for those experiencing trauma or dealing with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm.

### **A great Mother's Day Purse Drive result!**

We had another great year for our Mother's Day Purse drive. This project is achieved in collaboration with Shoebox Ministry, who coordinates the distribution. We collected 119 purses filled with goodies such as toiletries, personal hygiene items, cosmetics, candy, and gifts. These donations will be given to shelters for women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, and other resource centers that support women and families.

**Thank you to everyone who contributed a purse or the treasures to fill them!**



## TRUSTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

*Trusts are an excellent way to provide for the support and care of children while protecting them. Two important reasons to create a trust are to care for minor children or for a special needs child. In both circumstances, trusts can be an essential part of making plans to provide the best possible care.*

### **How Trusts Work**

There are several people and terms that you should know in order to understand how trusts work. Let's examine the different people or terms that will be useful in setting up and operating a trust for children.

**Trustee:** A trustee will be charged with managing the property under the terms of a trust document. The three choices for trustee are a bank or trust company, a private trustee or a charitable trustee for a trust that benefits charity. A trustee has a particular name—a **fiduciary**. This means that the trustee is required under state law to provide appropriate management of the trust. Based on the trust document that you sign as the trust grantor, the trustee will do his or her best to follow your intent.

**Property:** The trust exists to hold and manage property. While in many states a trust is legally in existence after you sign the trust document, it doesn't actually have any purpose until it receives property. Your trustee refers to this as the "funding" of the trust. The trustee will manage the property according to the terms of your trust document.

**Investments:** Under state law, your trustee is required to follow the standards of a prudent investor. In most cases, the trustee will invest in a portfolio of stocks and bonds. Approximately 50% to 60% of the typical trust portfolio is invested in a diversified group of stocks, with the balance invested in bonds. Under the prudent investor rules, the trustee is obligated to diversify. Through diversification the risk of loss will be reduced and the probability that the trust will function as you intend is greater.

**Income:** Income is defined under the law as either ordinary income or capital gain. The interest from bonds and mortgage notes is ordinary income. Historically, trusts have paid out their ordinary income. However, because many trustees now have more than half of the trust property invested in stocks, trusts now may pay out a portion of recognized capital gain as income.

**Capital Gain:** Capital gain is the other type of earnings of a trust. While a portion of the capital gain represents principal and will be retained in the trust to benefit the remainder recipient, part of the gain under modern investment strategies is typically allocated to income. The trustee will look at the trust document to determine who will receive the income. Normally, the trustee will pay out on a quarterly basis the ordinary income and part of the recognized capital gains.

**Remainder:** Under the trust document, the trust will pay income for a period of time, such as a life of a person or a term of years. After all of the income payments have been completed, the trust principal or remainder is usually transferred to the beneficiaries.

For example, a trust was funded with \$300,000 and paid income to children Billy, Susie and Linda until they were age 30. At that time, the trust remainder value of \$300,000 was divided between the three children. Because each received one-third of the remainder, the inheritance amount for each child was \$100,000.

## **Trusts for Minor Children**

Parents correctly understand that a minor child is not ready to receive a substantial inheritance. Therefore, it is very common for parents to create in their will or living trust a plan to set up a trust for minor children. The trust for minor children frequently permits the trustee broad latitude to pay income and principal to the children or spend it for their healthcare or other needs. Because of this flexibility, the trustee of the trust for minor children is frequently a family member or professional advisor for the family. After all of the children reach a particular age, the trust is then usually distributed in equal shares to the then-living children.

For example, Bill and Clara Jones are 36 and 34. They have two children—Billy (age four) and Mary (age one). After visiting with their attorney, Bill and Clara signed their first will. If one of them should pass away, estate property and guardianship of the children will pass to the survivor. However, if they both pass away, then they have selected Clara's brother, Harold, and his wife as the guardians for the children. They also have selected Bill's sister, Susan, who is a CPA, as the trustee of their family trust for Billy and Mary.

CPA Susan has discretion under the trust instrument to make distributions of income or principal to Billy and Mary or to pay providers for their support or medical care. In order to provide maximum protection for Mary, the entire trust principal is retained until Mary is age 30. By that time, Bill and Clara believe that Mary will have completed her education and be well established in life. Even though Billy will be 33 and Mary will be 30, the trust principal will be divided equally between the two of them at that time.

With a family trust for minor children, the assets of the family are typically not large. Most trusts for minor children are funded primarily by term life insurance on the lives of Bill and Clara. Therefore, it is very common for the trust to continue in existence until the youngest child reaches the desired age. While this means that older children may have to wait longer for their inheritance, that is a secondary goal to making sure that the youngest children are all taken care of until they reach the selected age.

## **Special Needs Trust**

A child with a disability or special need will require both a caregiver and financial resources. During the lives of the parents, they are often able to provide the required care for a special needs child. However, after they pass away, there may need to be a more structured option that involves a special facility for that child.

To plan for the case when both parents pass away, arrangements for the care facility and financial requirements of a special needs child should be made in advance. A special needs child often has no major assets and therefore is qualified for the Social Security SSI Program or for Medicaid. However, if the parents were to give the child an inheritance outright or a vested income stream, then those funds will all be expended before the child could receive federal benefits. As a result, the special needs trust was designed to allow parents to provide help for children, even though the child may be receiving federal or state benefits.

The key to the special needs trust is that the trustee has complete discretion over principal and income. He or she may add the income back to the trust corpus, or may make distributions to the child or for the benefit of the child. Because the special needs trust depends on federal and state laws that regularly change, an attorney who specializes in these trusts is often used to draft the specific provisions. However, there generally are several items the trustee can provide the special needs child and still maintain his or her qualification for federal and state benefits. These include a vehicle, a home, home furnishings, property for self-support, medical care and educational expenses.

The special needs trust also should have an Intention to preserve the trust for a remainder beneficiary. Even though the special needs child may receive income and principal that actually does exhaust the trust, the hope that another entity or person would benefit from the remainder is quite helpful.

## June 2019 Event Calendar

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2 Ascension Sunday	3 VBS 9-Noon COME AND POWER UP WITH US ! YOUTHMISSION CAMP GRADES 7-12	4 VBS 9-Noon	5 VBS 9-Noon	6 VBS 9-Noon	7 VBS 9-Noon	8
9 Pentecost	10	11	12	13 Annual Conference through June 16th	14 Flag Day 	15 Pathfinders- BREAKFAST   Golf Tourna- ment Gilbert Men's
16 FATHER'S DAY  	17 ELEMEN- TARY I CAMP GRADES 3-6 JR HIGH I CAMP GRADES 6-9 SR HIGH LEAD- ERSHIP CAMP GRADES 9-12	18	19	20	21 Summer begins	22
23 San Diego Mission trip with Youth Works	24	25	26	27	28 Family Movie Night 6-8pm AC	29
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## July 2019 Event Calendar

	1	2	3	4 Independence Day office closed 	5	6
7	8 Elementary II camp (grades3-6) Jr High II camp (grades6-8)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Family Pot luck dinner with Games 5-7:30p
28	29	30	30	31		

## June Birthdays



Debby Munn	1
Samuel High	2
Betty Walker	2
Dianna Elliott	3
Vicki Hanson	3
Therese Pineda	3
Zachary Foote	4
Heather Ford	4
Mason Ramirez	4
Margaret DeBolt	5
Shawn Smith	5
Sara Saunders	6
Shauna Harris	7
Ashley Scharff	7
Mark Turner	7
Lorelei Karavakis	8
Jordan Strom	9
Laura Contreras	10
Katie Bird	11
Keith Carpenter	11
Alexis Eggen	11
Brody Smith	11
Rilie Fairley	12
Judy Zangri	12
Karen Coleman	13
Chloe Metz	13
Skylar Ossian	14
April Daughtery	15
Christie Dorf	15
Ty Hemingson	16
Ed Stressman	19
Hannah Becker	20
Austin Becker	20

Linda Martell	21
Gayle Disch	22
Erna Huitema	22
Nancy Ball	24
Kailia Carpenter	24
Lisa Sotomayor	24
Oliver Cantwell	25
Nicolas Diaz	25
Kingston Gardour	25
Keith Asplin	28
Karla Romfo	28
Josie Carmichael	30
Larson Hemingson	30



## June Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
3	Laura and Dean Boever	24
8	Jackie and John Holmberg	45
8	Patricia and Robin Lee	46
9	Cindie and Jason Rempel	18
11	Tina and Phil Rees	31
14	Therese and Albert Pineda	23
14	Judy and Al Zagri	50
19	Chris and Craig Thompson	48
20	Molly and Dan Hahn	63
22	Michelle and Sean Comstock	6
24	Judy and Tom Bristow	53
30	Norma and Joe Mayne	46
30	Linda and Tom McKinley	33

# Birthdays / Anniversaries