

# The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 2020



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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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Monday-Thursday  
8:30am-4:30pm  
by appointment  
only

Attendance Sept. 27th  
Virtual viewing 339



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

## CAMPUS CLOSURE

The First UMC Gilbert Campus will be closed to all functions until further notice for COVID-19 considerations.

Offices are open by appointment only.

Please view [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for latest information.

Contact us at 480-892-9166 or [info@gilbertumc.org](mailto:info@gilbertumc.org).

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday services will be livestreamed on Facebook at 9:30 am

Join us at [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) or [facebook.com/FUMCofGilbert](https://facebook.com/FUMCofGilbert)

### Baptism of Vivian May Olmstead

Parents Taylor and Justin Olmstead presented Vivian for baptism on 9.20.20 and was shared on 9.27.20 services to the congregation . Big brother Henry was also in attendance. Vivian was born 3.19.20 at the Banner Gateway Hospital. Congratulations to the expanded new family . Welcome Vivian to our church family!



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**Get ready to bless our less fortunate neighbors with a box of "fixins"  
for a  
delicious Thanksgiving meal.  
Imagine what your donation of \$40.00 can do!**



**Donation envelopes can be found in the pews or you may stop by the  
Missions Table on the patio or you can mail in or go to our website to donate and/or  
volunteer to deliver the boxes in the afternoon of Monday,**

**November 23rd.**

**Please contact Chris Cantwell at [ccantwell2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ccantwell2001@yahoo.com) to volunteer to deliver boxes or  
if you have questions.**

When you pass through the waters,  
**I WILL BE WITH YOU**  
and through the rivers,  
they shall not overwhelm you;  
Isaiah 43:2



Dearest Lord Jesus,

In this cancer battle  
Wash away these intricate wounds  
Immerse them in your healing powers  
Guide brightly through decision currents  
Bind all anxiety and despair  
Instill the warmth of your  
heartfelt peace and love.  
Hear this prayer in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

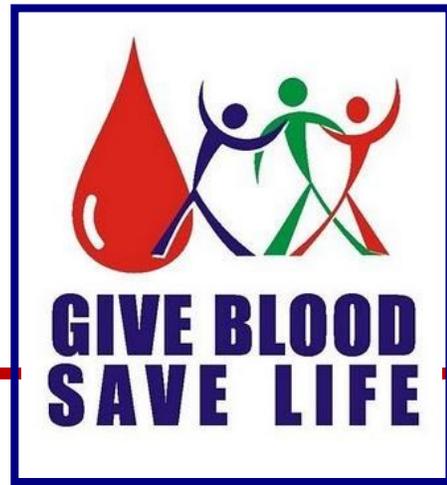
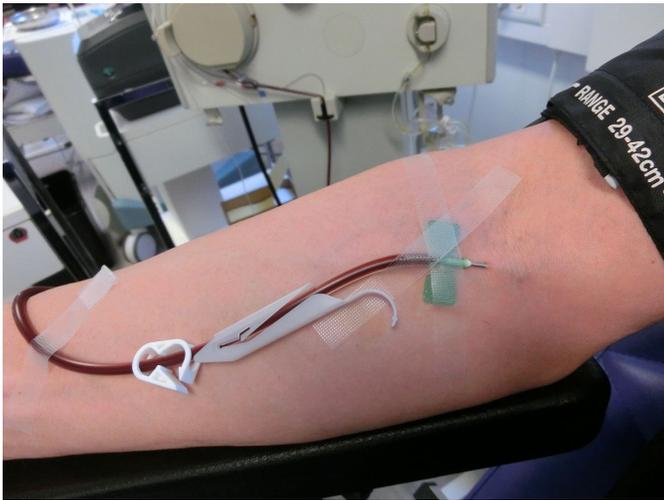
## CANCER IN WOMEN

If you are a woman or know a woman who has concerns about a family history of ovarian or breast cancer it may be wise to discuss genetic testing with a genetic counselor. If there is a genetic mutation than options can be discussed, and a plan made. With research advances more treatment options have been made available in recent years.

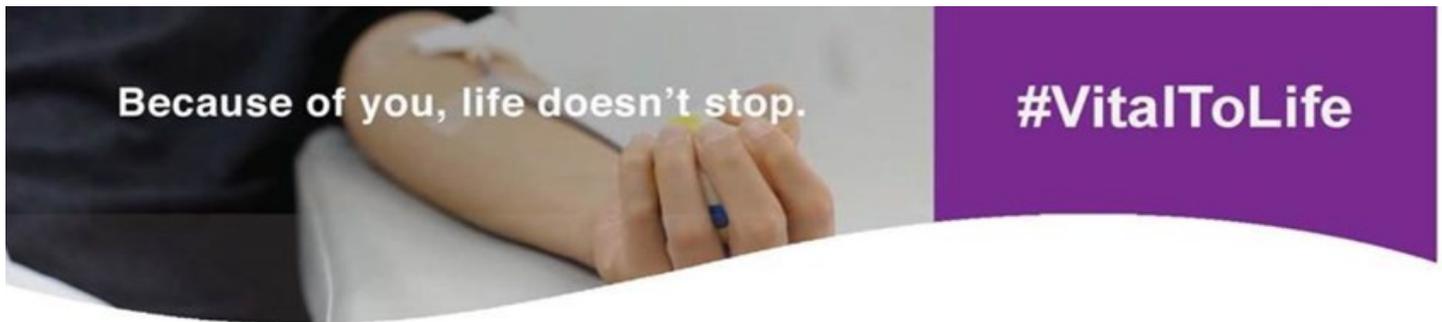
Not knowing critical information about your health can be stressful. Knowing if you have a genetic mutation can also be worrying. Making an appointment with a genetic counselor does not mean you have to have the tests done. You can listen, learn and discuss with your family before making the decision. Make sure you have the right information about your questions.

Keep yourself as healthy as possible in body, mind and spirit. Whatever that means for you whether you are looking forward to a few months or many years of life. Pray and talk with the Lord when making your decisions.

Peace be with you,  
Therese Pineda RN PN



Please be a Hero  
if you are well and meet the  
requirements above, please give blood  
in these uncertain times.



**ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS**  
are encouraged to help  
maintain social distancing.



All donors must bring  
and wear a **MASK** or  
**CLOTH-BASED FACE  
COVERING.**



**Recovered from COVID-19?**  
Your plasma can help COVID-19 patients.  
Visit [vitalant.org/COVIDfree](https://vitalant.org/COVIDfree)  
vitalant.

## Town of Gilbert Blood and Convalescent Plasma Drives

Thursday, Aug., 27	9:30 am - 2:30pm
Monday, Sep., 21	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct., 21	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov., 25	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Thursday, Dec., 17	9:30 am - 2:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 6	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Southeast Regional Library - Assembly Room  
775 N. Greenfield Rd.

Visit [BloodHero.com](https://BloodHero.com) (Sponsor Code: gilbert) or call  
877-25-VITAL (258-4825) to schedule an appointment



**DONATE BLOOD**  
[vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) | 877-25-VITAL





## Preschool News

[www.gilbertpreschool.com](http://www.gilbertpreschool.com)



### What we did in September:

- We loved getting to know our new friends! The children made bead necklaces to trade with each other as a sign of friendship to go along with our bible verse, “And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16
- Teachers were very busy completing Fall Assessments with the children and then facilitating Parent/Teacher conferences.
- We talked about fire safety. The children learned about calling 911 in an emergency and to stay away from hot objects in the house. We also talked about how to be safe on our bikes by wearing a helmet and pool safety, to only swim with an adult.
- During class and in Chapel, we learned about Creation and how God created the world in just 7 days!



### What's happening in October?

- **Fall Break:** October 5th – 9th. Enjoy this wonderful family time!
- **Preschool Fall Art Walk:** On October 15th our preschoolers will be showcasing their art work and projects in the activity center. Families will be invited to come and see what the children have been working on in the classroom!
- **Pumpkin Week:** During the week of October 26th the preschoolers will be learning all about pumpkins. We will measure, weigh, count seeds, and conduct a “sink or float” science experiment



**FOOD & DRUG STORES**  
**fry's**  
**Community Rewards Program**



**Did You Know?**

- Shop at Fry's Food Stores with your VIP card and get great savings, earn fuel points, and help our church preschool. Just go online to [FrysFood.com](http://FrysFood.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Fry's Community Rewards under Community. Log on to your account and search our organization number, **DM609**. You're all set! Your savings help us to earn money for our wonderful program. Thank you!
- This is our 16th year! We absolutely love seeing the preschoolers come through our doors throughout the week! We are so blessed to have this ministry!

If you have any questions about the preschool, please email [preschool@gilbertumc.org](mailto:preschool@gilbertumc.org) or call 480-892-9166. Directors Lora Norris or Betsy Marlinga would love to speak with you!

## September 2020 Children's Ministry What's Happening?



### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

When we are faced with tough situations, it's important to think about what is true. The truth is, no matter how big our situation is, God will always be bigger. God is always with us, caring for us, and listening to us when we talk to Him.

WEEK ONE: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego — Daniel 3:1-28

WEEK TWO: Moses in the Basket — Exodus 1:22-2:10

WEEK THREE: Hagar — Genesis 21:14-20

WEEK FOUR: Noah\* — Genesis 6:8-33, 7:1-24, 8:1-9:17

**BOTTOM LINE: GOD'S GOT IT!**  
**"God is with you wherever you go."**  
 Joshua 1:9, NLT

### ONE PRIORITY love GOD

**"... with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-38**

### Mission:

We are not collecting since we are only online.

### 1ST-6th Graders

### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

#### CORE INSIGHTS

Because we know that God is good, we can live life with integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust in God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do .



WEEK ONE: Daniel's Integrity — Daniel 1

BOTTOM LINE: Be truthful with your whole Life.

WEEK TWO: No Secrets with God — 1 John 1:9

BOTTOM LINE: Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

WEEK THREE: Naaman and Elisha's Servant — 2 Kings 5

BOTTOM LINE: When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

WEEK FOUR: Think on These Things — Philippians 4:8

BOTTOM LINE: Focus on what's true.

**"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17, NIV**

### Zoom Sunday School Schedule

preschool/kinder 8:30-9

1st-3rd 10:45-11:30

4th-6th 11:30-12:15

Wednesday Wilds

4 pm on Wednesday



## Zoom Youth Sunday School

Youth Group/Sunday School!

Sept. 27th, 7pm

We've combined Junior and Senior High Youth for awhile.

Please join us at 7pm this Sunday!

### Water Bottles and Blessing Cards for St. Vincent de Paul

If you haven't dropped off your Blessing Cards/Water Bottles that we made last Sunday night on Zoom, please drop them off sometime this weekend. There is a collection box outside in front of the Youth Ministry office.



### Perhaps you can find something your whole family can be involved in doing.

There are opportunities that are both in person, like at United Food Bank where they are keeping safety and hygiene a top priority by requiring masks, frequent hand washing, and social distancing while still working together in a group. There are also opportunities where there is no contact with others, like collecting items for a specific project and then delivering them to an organization who will distribute to those most in need, or driving around town and delivering meals to seniors who are home bound. There are so many options that you and your family could do. Please consider these options below, or if you know of other options, please email them to [youthministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:youthministry@gilbertumc.org) and we'll include them in next weeks newsletter.

United Food Bank (Mesa Dr. and Baseline) Packing emergency food bags, short 2hr shifts (day and evening) then Friday they do a big distribution of food bags on Friday's in downtown Mesa.

<https://unitedfoodbank.org/volunteer/>

Midwest Food Bank (Baseline between Cooper and McQueen; sorting and packing food boxes) <https://midwestfoodbank.org/volunteer/volunteer-interest-form>

Gilbert Clothing Cabin (Cooper and Guadalupe; sorting donated clothes for those in need) <https://onesmallstepaz.org/volunteer/>

Senior Meal Deliver/AZCEND/Gilbert Senior Center (Gilbert and Elliot; delivering meals around town, no contact option)

<https://www.justserve.org/projects/b8bb126a-1caf-4955-b5be-4a409867e484>

To search other volunteer opportunities in your area click on [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org) sort by zip code, then click "see all" otherwise only a few organizations come up.

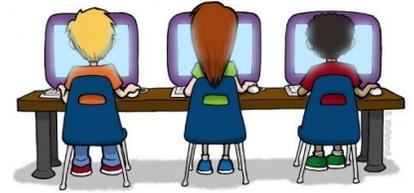
**The whole leadership team and youth leaders are keeping you and your family in our prayers each week. Please reach out if you need anything [youthministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:youthministry@gilbertumc.org) !**



### **Gilbert Elementary Collection**

From our general fund, we sent \$2500 to UMCOR for Disaster Relief.

Continuing our partnership with Gilbert Elementary School, we are collecting new, non-disposable bottles for the students. Since they are not allowed to drink from the water fountains, the school is having



water bottle filling stations installed. They are also in need of new earbuds or earphones. Snacks (listed below) will be collected throughout the year.

**\*\*\*\*All food items must be individually packaged\*\*\*\***

Gatorade Granola Bars/Breakfast Bars Peanut Butter-filled or Cheese-filled Crackers  
Cups of Mac'n Cheese(just add H2O) Pop Tarts Cheez-Its Goldfish Fruit Snacks

Ongoing collections are for Gilbert Open Arms food bank and the church's food boxes.

All donations may be dropped off in the church office.

We are no longer accepting clothing or other used household donations. There are many non-profit organizations who would be happy to receive your items. If you need suggestions of who might accept them, please email [missions@gilbertumc.org](mailto:missions@gilbertumc.org)

### **Turkey Box Drive**

It is that time of year again but to cheer you up Chris Cantwell would like to remind us of what we can do . In 2019 we raised almost \$4,800 and provided 124 boxes to over 300 people. There were 25 driver volunteers that helped deliver the boxes. We worked with AZCEND to get the family names, and Albertsons at Gilbert and Riggs packaged everything together for us. We will be working with AZCEND again this year. If you can donate please mail your donation of \$40 or go to the website and donate there make sure you designate your funds for the turkey box drive.





## 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge®

An Anti-Racism Resource

Have you ever heard of the idea that in order to make something into a lasting habit, that it takes 21 days to take hold in your life? It is a process that takes time, patience, dedication and intentional action, right? Change is hard. Creating effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of power, privilege, supremacy and leadership is like any lifestyle change. Setting our intentions and adjusting what we spend our time doing is essential. It's all about building new habits. Sometimes the hardest part is just getting started. The good news is, there is an abundance of resources just waiting to empower you to be a more effective player in the quest for equity and justice.

Beginning on **Wednesday October 7th**, we invite you to join the [21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge ©](#), created by [Dr. Eddie Moore](#), a diversity educator. It is a starting point for individuals to advance deeper understandings of the intersections of race, power, privilege, supremacy and oppression. We are grateful to Dr. Moore for publicly sharing and encouraging others to use this concept as an educational tool. The Desert Southwest Annual Conference has invited us to participate in this work together.

We have a lot of work to do in regard to racial equity, both individually and collectively. The sharp inequity that divides us is a part of our history as a people that we cannot hide from and the recent killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Elijah McClain, and so many others, have only highlighted the immediacy and need of this work.

This 21-Day challenge will by no means be the end of the things we need to do, instead it is a humble beginning on a long and important journey. And accepting the challenge is a first step in confessing wrongs and moving toward justice.

Much of this challenge has been intentionally crafted to focus on the Black American experience. The activities seek to expose participants to perspectives on elements of Black history, identity and culture and to the Black community's experience of racism in the United States of America. You will be exposed to voices and perspectives that may be different than your own through articles, videos, and podcasts.

Over the next 21 days, we are going to build our awareness, our understanding and our capacity for action. Let see how our own perspectives and personal awareness of racism will grow and be challenged. This work is hard. Thank you for taking the courageous steps forward.

We will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6:30. You can register for the class now. Link is <http://gilbertumc.org/grow/adult-ministries/>.

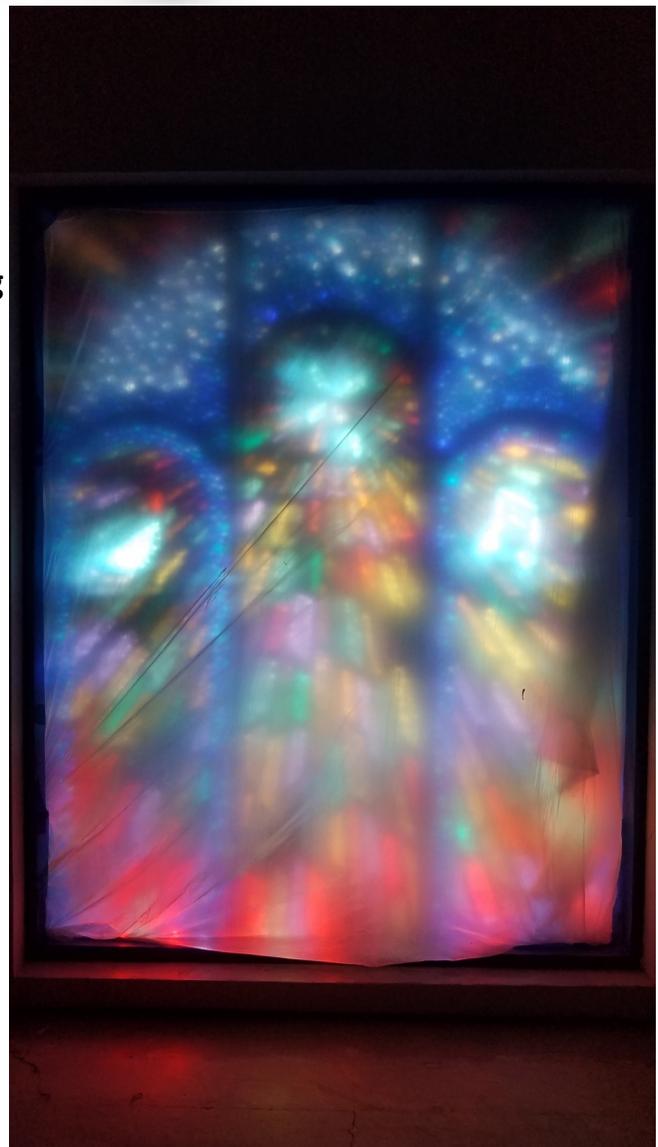




The Narex and Narex Bathrooms are nearly finished! Finish date is first week of October and work starts on the parking lot early October !

Building it back NEW!!!!

I  MY CHURCH



Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:  
( all small groups are contingent on the CDC recommendations.)

- **Watch for the latest news and announces by the E-news every Thursday and prior to Sunday Services.**
- **We are praying for all of you and hoping to see you soon!**
- **Fall break for Preschool Oct 5th-9th.**
- **Preschool Art Walk Oct 15th 5:30-7:00pm in activity center.**
- **Preschool Pumpkin Week** starts October 26th the preschoolers will be learning all about pumpkins. We will measure, weigh, count seeds, and conduct a “sink or float” science experiment!
- **Watch** for work on the parking lot to commence Early October.
- Election voting will be held on Nov 3. 2020 in our activity Center. Remember to vote! Stay safe and wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart.
- **Turkey Box Drive** donations of \$40 will be due 11.22.20 they may be mailed to office or donate on line just note that it is for turkey boxes. If you are interested in helping to deliver them please contact Chris Cantwell at ccantwell2001@yahoo.com.





### Prayers for those in need

During this time of uncertainty we will be still be praying for those in need so please either call or email prayer requests and we will send them out to our dedicated prayer team. The office number is 480-892-9166 or the email [prayers@gilbertumc.org](mailto:prayers@gilbertumc.org). If it is pastors only please mark **pastors only** and it will go only to the pastors.

And we will be praying for all the concerns and praises.

Your  
Prayer Team



### Looking for Gently Used Laptops & Computers

Have you bought a new 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 and help us refresh some of the computer equipment around the church campus. Concerned about your

data? We will securely wipe your computer before using it, or give you a CD that you can use to wipe it yourself. Drop off computers and laptops at the Church Office.



Questions? Contact Philip Tesarek at [ITSupport@gilbertumc.org](mailto:ITSupport@gilbertumc.org) or (480) 510-4588. Thank you



**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*

**Grief Share Support Group will be online now**



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

New class starting August 15

*Living Hope*

**Living Hope Support Group**

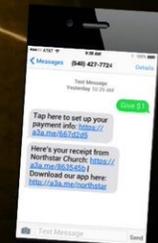
A group for those experiencing trauma or dealing with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. (Small groups are contingent on the CDC guidelines)

**Text-to-Give**

- † Text 480-712-1057
- † Enter amount with \$ sign  
for example: 

For first usage only:

- † Register with link provided
- † Click "Process"



# October Calendar of Events 2020

( all studies and small groups are contingent on the CDC recommendations.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	<b>1</b> Christian Women's Fel- lowship 9:30 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Preschool fall break begins	<b>6</b> Tues Morning Bible 9:00 	<b>7</b> Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	<b>8</b> Shawl Ministry !:00 	<b>9</b> Preschool fall break ends	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Colum- bus Day 	<b>13</b> Tues Morning Bible 9:00	<b>14</b> Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible	<b>15</b> Book Club 11:00 Preschool Art Walk in AC 5:30- 7:00 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Mens Breakfast 8-9:30 
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Tues Morning Bible 9:00 	<b>21</b> Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Preschool Pumpkin week 	<b>27</b> Tues Morning Bible 9:00	<b>28</b> Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween 



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Daylight saving time ends	2	3 Election Day 	4	5 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 	6	7 Grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30
8	9	10 Tues Morning Bible 9:00 	11 Veterans Day Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	12 Shawl Ministry 1:00 	13	14
15	16	17 Tues Morning Bible 9:00 	18 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	19 Book Club 11:00 	20	21 Mens Breakfast 8-9:30 
22 Turkey Box Donations Due TODAY	23	24 Tues Morning Bible 9:00	25 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible	26 church office closed	27 church office closed	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30					



## October Birthdays



LeRoy Englebrecht	2
Matthew Leach	2
Landon Bottesch	3
Bonnie Grimes	3
Steve Helland	3
April Ryan	4
Kynslee Kay Weimers	4
Dennis Young	5
Joe Taylor	6
Norma Symons	8
Diana Ouellette	9
Jayceon Hunter	10
Robyn Oswald	11
Justin Knop	12
Kelly Wyatt	12
Connie Spittell	13
Samatha Boever	15
Trevor High	18
Lora Norris	18
Claire Regnitz	18
Kyle Daniels	19
Jan Compton	20
Jo Goslar	20
Jeff Hemingson	20
Eric Sutton	20
Bob Skinner	21
Meghan Wagner Totty	21
Sean Wyatt	21
Pam Stressman	23
Alice Van Orden	23
Connor Johns	24

Kenneth Brooks	25
Elizabeth Betty Larson	26
Brandon Sy	26
Charlotte Hazelrigg	27
Marie Blum	30
Ron Mason	30
Diane Rymer	30
MaryEllen Chuk	31



## October Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
03	Lori and Jim Wilkins	33
06	Patricia and David Baker	41
07	Carrie and Peter Mueller	14
08	Diana and Odus Elliott	55
09	Pamela and Tommy Campbell	27
09	Denise and Richard Staley	32
10	Vicki and Steve Hanson	11
11	Janell and Eli Chiricuzio	17
13	Diane and Mike Crann	32
19	Teri and Kevin Becker	29
19	Susan and Dennis Young	30
21	Janet and Dan Bose	19
22	Deanna and Steve Helland	37
25	Jeannie and Trevor High	12
26	Kim and Terry Bowers	46

# Birthdays / Anniversaries