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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

Limited Opening of Campus



Worship Services

Includes wearing a mask on campus if unvaccinated, virtual check in and or sign in at table on patio prayer request only from your device only.

Services at 8:30 and 10:00.

Sunday services will be livestreamed on Facebook and You Tube at 10:00 am.

Any changes in this schedule will be put in the Weekly Enews and the website for the latest news.

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Confirmation Sunday May 23,2021 See individual article on pages 18-19





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COVID Guidelines Update - May 21, 2021

In the light of recent CDC, State, Local and Conference recommendations, Pastor Rick in concert with the Reopening Team is changing the First UMC Gilbert COVID guidelines and requirements as they apply to worship.

Effective immediately:

- Registering for worship is no longer required
- For those fully vaccinated: mask is optional
- Kids 6 and under: mask is optional
- For those who remain unvaccinated: mask is required
- Due to their location, the choir will require masks
- Social distancing: as individuals feel comfortable
- Attendees will be asked to sign-in at check-in table or online

It is essential to consider the welfare of yourself and others and also please respect the choices of others.

These changes only affect Sunday worship and do not apply to other areas of ministry or groups meeting on campus.

Please contact Pastor Rick with your questions or concerns at pastorrick@gilbertumc.org



In Memory of Norma Josephine Asplin

(submitted by the family of Norma Asplin)

Norma "Jo" Josephine Asplin, age 82, passed away April 10, 2021,
surrounded by her family. She was born in Evanston, IL, the daughter of
Louis Fredric and Evelyn Mae (Johnson) Kludy.

Jo graduated Valedictorian from Marshfield High School, Class of 1956. Following graduation, she married her high school sweetheart Keith Herbert Asplin and settled in Madison, WI. While Keith completed his college education, the first four of her six children were born to them. After Keith received his PhD, she gave birth to another son, then they moved to

Colorado where her youngest son was born. She was always active in her church, was a Girl Scout Leader, a Cub Scout Leader, active in the PTA, various clubs, and other organizations. She was also a foster mom to two high school girls.

Well known for keen intellect, Jo chose to go back to school to complete her post-secondary education at the University of Colorado, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Master of Science Program and went on to become a Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant. She began her career in Lakewood, CO, studying the effects of Ultrasound and she excelled as a CHA/PA at Women's Hospital in L.A. caring for premature babies, and then as part of the Didactic Studies Leadership Team for the PA Program in Seattle, WA.

Jo and Keith lived all over the country, including Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, California, New York, Georgia, and Washington before finally landing in Gilbert, Arizona where they enjoyed their much-deserved retirement and celebrated 63 years of marriage. Jo made many friends and continued to be active in her church.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a son, Michael Asplin and his son. She is survived by her husband, Keith Asplin, her daughters, Laura Asplin; Jennifer and her husband Robert Argyelan; her sons, Terence and his wife Faranak (Habibi) Asplin; Christopher and his wife Kirsten (Lee) Asplin; Gregory and his wife Kristen (Rangel) Asplin; her daughter-in-law Karla Kay (Tracy) Asplin; her brother Fredric Kludy; Sister Marcie and her husband Richard Lauterbach; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Due to COVID Restrictions, the Celebration of Jo's Life will be not be held until Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11:00 am at the First United Methodist Church of Gilbert, 331 S Cooper Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85233.

Those who wish to remember Jo in a special way, may make gifts in her name to Hiefer International, or the Alzheimer's Association.







Family Promise June 20 - 27

With the support of area faith congregations like ourselves, Family Promise provides housing, food, childcare, employment counseling, financial assistance and even a pet sanctuary for families with children who are experiencing homelessness. The need is great for our help, especially during the hot summer months.

FUMC of Gilbert will provide 3 families with food and lodging on campus the week of June 20 - 27. We have COVID protocols in place to keep volunteers and families safe. We need volunteers to provide food for meals, serve and clean up dinner, stay overnight and do laundry. We especially need volunteers who are willing to stay overnight. We will have a private host room with a comfortable bed ready for you! You will be done by 6:00am the next morning.

Please click on the Sign-up Genius link on the First Gilbert UMC website to see how you can help us give

families the hand-up that they need to get back to self-sufficiency. To learn more about this life-changing program visit www.familypromiseaz.org or email DyAnn at dyannob@gmail.com.







Food Drive Results

Last Month we participated in a community wide Food Drive through Gilbert Feeding Families and United Food Bank. As a church we collected two full bins of food, but since we were partnered with 23 other organizations across the town, together we collected 61,167 lbs. of food and \$12,308 altogether. This provided over 112,000 meals for families in need! So thank you to all those who donated, and thank you so much to all those who volunteered. Thank you to all of you wo continue to support this ministries and others like it at First Gilbert through your faithful giving.

Continuing our partnership with Gilbert Elementary Schools

It is near the end of school and the need is great for the snacks to be replenished and the cupboard is in need of filling up. So here are the pictures of the of the delivery to the school. And again you exceeded our expectations. THANK YOU so very much on behalf of the children of Gilbert!



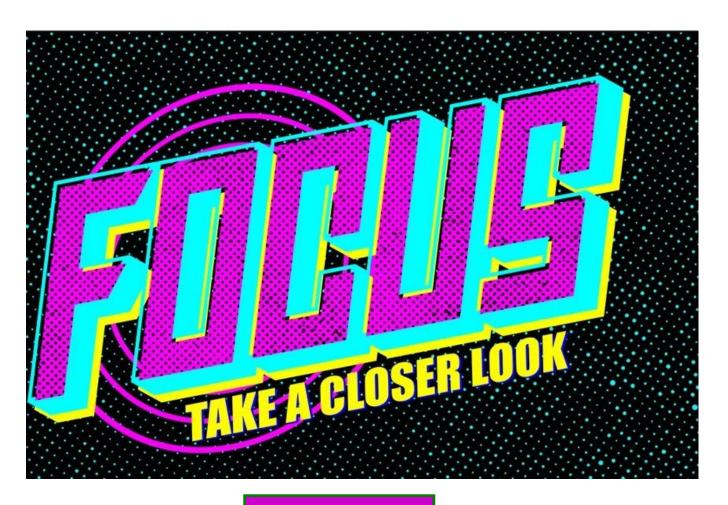




Purses for Moms Update

Thank you so much to all of you who supported our Mother's Day Purse Drive. We were able to collect 75 purses! We donated the fully packed purses to the UMOM women's shelter on Thursday, just in time for mother's day. Thank you to Stacy Cantwell and the missions team for their leadership. Thank you to all the donor that continue to support this important ministry and the other ministries like it here at First Gilbert.

Thank you from the Mission Team at 1st UMCoG.



VBS TEAM

Space is full but there is a waiting list available for sign up NOW!

Please follow the links to reserve your spot on the waiting list at this year's VBS!

July 12th-16th from 9am-12noon,

Monday-Friday.

VBS is open to preschool 3's thru incoming 6th graders.

We need

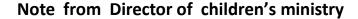
Youth and adults volunteers as well!

Please email Janelle at

Childrensministry@gilbertumc.org

Remember you will need Safe Sanctuary Training to volunteer.

Volunteers Register today!





I wanted to let the VBS families know they could pick up a cd from the church office during business hours, which are 9:00-4:30 Monday thru Thursday. So they can get their cd early to learn the songs.



Blessings,
Janelle Chiricuzio
Director of Children's Ministry
First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Calling all volunteers!!!!

VBS is just around the corner! July 12th-16th we need your help! If interested in volunteering please reach out to children's ministry! Youth entering 7th grade through adult!

Join us for a fun week of learning, growing, and

having fun!

Remember you will need to take Safe Sanctuary Training to Volunteer 9am-noon Monday through Friday







Prayers for those in need

During this time of uncertainty we will 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. If It is pastors only request please mark pastors only and it will given to the pastors.

And we will being praying for all the concerns and praises.
Your
Prayer Team



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

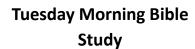
FOR CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday June 2nd and Monday June 7th from 7:00-9:00 pm and Sunday June 13th at 2:00-4:00 pm.

All classes in Room 130

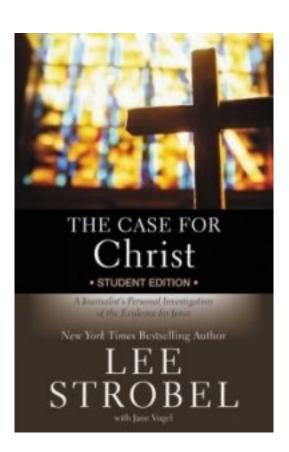
Contact Shayla Paap for information and RSVP at Youthministry@gilbertumc.org



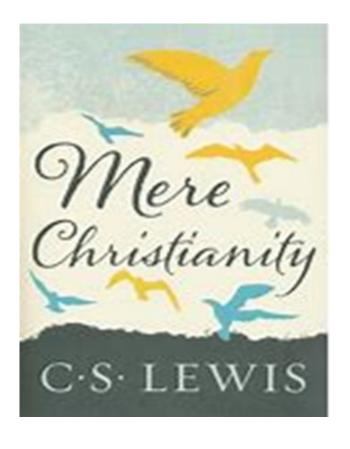


We have started the Summer study "The Case For Christ" by Lee Strobel. They started May 11th and will continue through the summer.

Please join us at
9:15 to 11:15 am
in room 130
(the old choir room)
You can join at anytime.
Contact Sonja at
Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com







The Book Corner

June's book is the Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. June Morrison will be leading the review of this Theology which was published in 1952.

> The Book Club will meet June 17th at 11:30 in Room 130 and on zoom.

July 's book The House of Kennedy by James Patterson, a non fiction book.

August 's book is American Dirt by Jeannine Cummins, a fiction book.

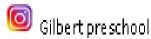
Preschool News

Preschool News www.gilbertpreschool.com





FUMC of Gilbert Preschool





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. Thank you Pastor Rick for starting us off in prayer! The children sang Patriotic theme songs 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!

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 grassy courtyard and the children gave their mothers a gift that they had made. Everyone had a wonderful time together!

Registration for 2021-2022

At this time all our classes are full. However, we do have a waitlist started for each class and will continue offering tours. Sometimes plans change over the summer and spots open up. Please continue to share with others about our preschool. Our program teaches children about Jesus' love and prepares them academically, socially and emotionally for elementary school. Check out our website at www.gilbertumcpreschool.com 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 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 the kitchen table with several sheets, have a picnic in there!
- Make Moon Sand

DIY Moon Sand Instructions:

BASIC SUPPLIES:

- Flour (or rice flour for a gluten-free option)
- Oil (most tutorials online suggest baby oil, but if you're worried about your kids putting this in their mouths, coconut and vegetable oils work exactly the same way and are tastesafe)

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:

 Food coloring or kool-aid packets (2-3 packets for every 2 cups of flour for bright, vibrant colors)

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FOR PLAY:

- Buckets, pails
- Sand and water toys
- Toy cars and trucks

DIY Moon Sand Instructions:

* Mix the ingredients in a large bowl

You want an 8:1 ratio of flour to oil. So 4 cups flour and 1/2 cup oil, 8 cups flour and 1 cup oil, etc. Mix them together (with color if desired) until the flour still feels silky and sandy, but will hold a shape if you squeeze it in your hands.

- ♦ Move to a large bin or tray
- Pour your moon sand into a large bin or tray for indoor or outdoor play
- Add toys and play!

You can use this as a fun sensory experience all on its own, or add tools or toys to a bin or tray for play. When playtime has ended, store your moon sand in an airtight container to play with later.

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



June 2021 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The older we get, the harder it is to know who or what we can trust. That is why we want preschoolers to know that there is Someone they can trust, at all times, in all circumstances, whatever He says, whatever He does. They can trust God, no matter what, and so can we.

Core Insight: Transformation

Connection

WEEK ONE: Greatest Verse Ever — John

3:16

WEEK TWO: Jericho * — Joshua 5:13-6:27 WEEK THREE: Gideon — Judges 6-8 WEEK FOUR: Elijah and the Fire — 1 Kings

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BOTTOM LINE: God's way is perfect "I trust in God. I am not afraid." Psalm 56:11, NIrV

Sunday School
Schedule
IN person Sunday School
During the 10:00 am
Service
Nursery available both

Wednesday
Wilds Zoom
4 pm on
Wednesday

services



1ST-6th Graders

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

.God can do
things that would
be impossible for
you. Nowhere is
this more evident
than in the life,
death, and
resurrection of
Jesus. And, when
you put your
confidence in
Jesus, you can
truly see yourself
how God sees
you



CORE INSIGHTS Faith • Identity

WEEK ONE: Nicodemus — John 3:16 BOTTOM LINE: Jesus matters most.

WEEK TWO: Israel Captures Jericho — Joshua

5:13-6:27

BOTTOM LINE: God's plan is the best plan.

WEEK THREE: Gideon — Judges 6-8

BOTTOM LINE: God can use you no matter

what

WEEK FOUR: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal —

1 Kings 18

BOTTOM LINE: God can do the impossible

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."
Psalm 27:13, NIV

Mission:

We are not collecting yet.

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Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School June 6th Sr. High Youth Room During the 10am Service

2021 Summer Youth Service Project: June 14-18 "Week of Service"

In place of a Summer Mission Trip, the Youth are planning to serve in a variety of projects within our local community this summer. The details yet to be finalized, but these activities should cost little to nothing financially. We hope to have activities each day Mon-Fri and we want families plan for this week. We hope to have some fun activities mixed in during this week as well. Some of the projects/activities include serving at Feed My Starving Children, Gilbert Clothing Closet, Midwest Foodbank, Aimee's Animal Farm... we will also have an art project, some fun lunch time activities, and a day of Kayaking/Paddle boarding at a lake and more! Plan for approximately 8am-4pm each day Monday-Friday. Sign Up Here

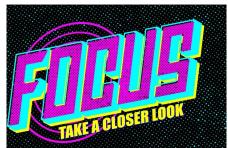
June 6th Swim Party at Bose House

Come Celebrate the End of the School Year and Kick-off to Summer. This will also be the welcome event for incoming Jr. High Students. Sign up here



Youth Sunday 8:30am &10am Services Sunday June 20th

We are starting to plan for Youth Sunday, this is the day youth take over running the church services! We'd love volunteers to read, give a short testimony, sing and play music. Please sign up here and let us know what talent you can share on Youth Sunday! This is also Father's Day, let's make it special!



Youth Volunteers for VBS

Hey Youth, do you enjoy working with children? Want to help with VBS this summer? Details are still being finalized, but the proposed week is July 12-16th. Please email if you might be interested. Janelle Chiricuzio at the Children's Ministry

Chiricuzio at the Children's Ministry children ministry@gilbertumc.org

Follow us on Instagram@fumcyouth



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!



Congratulations 2021 Graduates!!!! There will be a special blessing of the all graduates on June 6th services!

Alexandria "Alex" Bose.

Alex graduated from Lincoln Preparatory Academy in Gilbert. In the fall Alex plans to attend University of Alabama majoring in Architectural Engineering. Proud parents: Janet and Dan Bose.

Kyera McCluskey.

Kyera Graduated from Campo Verde High School in Gilbert. In the fall she plans to attend Chandler Community College while pursuing an education to become a

Medical Examiner. She is current working in Talent Acquisition for Aetna. Proud Mom: Heather Nicks



Zoe Emma Olbricht

Zoe graduated from Dobson Montessori High School in Mesa. She will be pursuing a Justice Studies degree at Barrett, the Honors College Arizona State University this fall.

Proud Mom: Charlene Braaksma.



Congratulations 2021 Graduates!!!! Tyler Carpenter

Tyler is graduating from Mesquite High School in Gilbert. In the fall he plans to further his education through college or trade school. Proud Parents: Taleen and Keith Carpenter.

Tyler Jay Houseman

Tyler is graduating from Mesquite High School in Gilbert. He plans to attend Chandler-Gilbert Community College and will continue working at Venezia's Pizza. Proud Parents: Alexandra and Scott Houseman.





Paige Shanks

Paige Shanks is also graduating from Mesquite High School in Gilbert.

Proud Mom: Lynn Shanks

Adam Mark Sukis

Adam graduated from Success Academy High School in April.

He plans to work and go to college in the fall.

Proud parents: Dawn and Steve Sukis





Maia Elise Chiricuzio

Maia is 14y/o and in 8th grade. Maia enjoys baking, photography, and video games. Maia had fun in confirmation with this group. The most meaningful part of Confirmation for Maia was learning more about prayer and she has started praying more.

Diana Peti Ouellette

Diana is 14y/o and in 8th grade. Diana enjoys playing Volleyball, running track, doing art, and spending time with friends and family. During confirmation Diana enjoyed having in depth conversations and getting to know each other more. The most meaningful part of Confirmation for Diana was learning that in hard times she can always reach to God for comfort and support





Ethan Cole Rempel

Ethan is 13y/o and in 7th grade. Ethan enjoys playing soccer, golf, football, and playing the Baritone Euphonium. Ethan enjoyed doing activities and watching the videos during confirmation. The most meaningful part of Confirmation for Ethan was strengthening his belief in God over the past few months.



Gunter Erik Scharff

Gunter is 13y/o and in 7th grade. Gunter enjoys golf, wresting, and playing percussion. Gunter felt like he learned a lot during confirmation. The most meaningful part of confirmation for Gunter was discovering he may want to go into ministry when he gets older.





Thank you parents for sharing your students with us this year!

-First United Methodist Church Gilbert, Confirmation 2021

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

- In person limited seating continues !!!! Masks will be worn, convent signed and social distancing with no hugging, hand shaking or taking off of masks. This will continue as long as covid numbers do not spike. Please be respectful and reverent in the sanctuary. Please RSVP on our website each Monday.
- Memorial services for Julie Brooks will be held on June 5th at 1:30 pm in sanctuary and activity center after service.
- Blessing of the Graduates will be during the service on June 6th both services.
- UMC Annual Conference is June 11-13 this year.
- Service for Orlan Hendrickson will be held on June 12th at 2:00 pm in sanctuary and activity center after the service.
- Youth Ministry Week of Service is June 13-19. In place of a Summer Mission Trip, the Youth will be plan to serve in a variety of projects within our local community this summer. The details yet to be finalized, but these activities should cost little to nothing financially. We hope to have activities each day Mon-Fri and we want families to be aware of the week.
- Father's Day is June the 20th.
- Family Promise Week will be June 20th to June 27th. To volunteer please contact DyAnn O'Brien at dyannob@gmail.com.
- Memorial Service for Jo Asplin will be held on June 26th at 11:00 am in sanctuary and activity center after the service.
- Save the Date for VBS July 12-16!!!!!!!!!! Space is limited! Vbs is just around the
 corner! If interested in volunteering please reach out to children's ministry! Youth
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 having fun! 9am-noon Monday through Friday If you like to volunteer please email
 Janelle at Childrensministry@gilbertUMC.org





Congregational Care Support Groups

For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Diamond at 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



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)



June Calendar of Events 2021

(All studies and small groups are contingent on Bishop Bob and the CDC recommendations.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15	2 Safe Sanctuary training 7-9 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30	4	5grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30 Julie Brooks Memorial 1:30pm
6communion Sunday	7 Safe Sanctuary training 7-9 pm	8 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15	9Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	10 _{Shawl} Ministry !:00	11 UMC Annual conference through Sunday 13th	12 _{Orlan} Hendrickson Memorial 2 pm
13 Safe Sanctuary training 2-4 pm	14 Youth week of service through 19th Volunteer oppo	15 _{Tues Morning} Bible 9:15 rtunitles	16 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	17 Book Club 11:00	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30
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June Birthdays



Debby Munn	1
Samuel High	2
Betty Walker	2
Dianna Elliott	3
Vicki Hanson	3
Therese Pineda	3
Barry Turnrose	3
Zachary Foote	4
Heather Ford	4
Mason Ramirez	4
Margaret De Bolt	5
Shawn Smith	5
Sara Sanders	6
Shauna Harris	7
Ashley Scharff	7
Mark Turner	7
Lorelei Karavakis	8
Keith Carpenter	11
Alix Eggen	11
Rilie Fairley	12
Sylvia Moore	12
Judy Zangri	12
Karen Coleman	13
Chloe Metz	13
April Daugherty	15
Christine Dorf	15
Ty Hemmingson	16
Ed Stressman	19
Hannah Becker	20
Linda Martell	21
Richard Anthony	22

Gayle Disch	22
Erna Huitema	22
Nancy Ball	24
Kalia Carpenter	24
Oliver Cantwell	25
Nichols Diaz	25
Kingston Gardour	25
Vicki Harding	25
Keith Asplin	28
Karla Romfo	28
Larson Hemmingson	30



'Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

Julie Alliliversaries					
Date	Sweet Couple	Years			
		Married			
3	Lara and Dean Boever	26			
4	Carolyn and Roy Phelps	57			
8	Jackie and John Holmberg	47			
9	Cindie and Jason Rempel	20			
11	Tina and Phillip Rees	33			
14	Therese and Albert Pineda	25			
19	Chris and Craig Thompson	50			
20	Kate and Barry Turnrose	46			
24	Judy and Tom Bristow	55			
24	Jeanne and Larry Randolph	49			
25	Glenda and Bill Warren	44			
30	Norma and Joe Mayne	48			
30	Linda and Tom McKinley	35			