The Evangel First United Methodist Church of Gilbert September 2022



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Attendance August 28th 182

Virtual viewing 118



CHURCH OF GILBERT

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday by appointment only

A Note from Pastor Adriana Ministry Anyone?

The date and time has been set for our annual Charge Conference. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th from 6pm-7pm. This is our opportunity to share the joys and accomplishments of this past year and our plans for the upcoming year. Part of this process includes nominations. At Charge Conference the list of teams and the associated members on the team are presented as being "nominated" and it is voted on at conference. However, the work begins way before this happens. We are providing a list of our current teams, general information on what they do, and who to contact if you are interested or have questions. People are typically part of a team for a two-year period but there are plenty of options. It is part of the baptism covenant to "Faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." The sermon series that Rev. Rick just finished on Prophet Margins had many examples of living into what God has called us to be. The teams you are about to read about are options for you to share your gifts, service, and presence with this community.

Please don't get hung up on scary words such as "nominations," "ministry," and "commitment." This is about options, sharing of information and working with others in a way that shares the gospel. If anything is pulling on your heart, please feel free to reach out. Or better yet, ask God to give you the words on what to say.

Administration Council

All Ministry Team chairs attend the Administrative Council meetings which occur every two months. This is the time to share efforts, collaborate on help needed and ensure all teams are working towards our mission statement. This team is looking for a Chairperson for the upcoming year. If you are part of the team, please consider the opportunity of being the chairperson. Please contact Sharon Kotsonas or Rev. Rick Casebolt.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is chartered to oversee the physical campus and all legal matters including the maintenance, insurance coverage and adequacy of church property, buildings and equipment. This team is in need of new members. Please contact Terese Pineada or Rev. Rick Casebolt.

Finance

The Finance committee provides oversight of financial resources and providing a framework for budget development. This team is in need of new members. Please contact Vicki Hanson or Rev. Rick Casebolt.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

These church members have been elected to represent our church at annual conference. They serve on a number of administrative committees in an ex officio role. The delegate is required to attend and represent First Gilbert at Annual Conference which will be held in June 2023.

Leadership Development & Nominations

This committee is charged to identify, develop, deploy, evaluate and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for the congregation. This committee also organizes and documents the ministry team members that is presented at the Charge Conference. This team is in need of new members. Please contact Rev. Rick Casebolt for additional information.

Lay Leader

This person is charged to guide church council on matters regarding leadership (other than employed staff) and to identify, train and support leaders in the congregation. Please contact Rev. Rick Casebolt if you are interested in this role.

Generosity

The committee is to guide the congregation to have an attitude of stewardship and generosity. This group is in need of a chairperson and team members. Please contact Rev. Rick Casebolt if you are interested in this role.

Staff Parish Relations

This committee is charged to reflect biblically and theologically on the role and word of the pastor(s) and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities. This team is looking for additional members. Please contact Ed Stressman or Rev. Rick Casebolt if you have any questions.

Adult Education

Committee is to select curriculum and provide education opportunities that meet the spiritual needs of the adult congregation members. This team is in need of a Chairperson and new members. Please contact Pastor Adriana Hernandez (PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org) with any questions that you may have.

Family Ministry

Committee is to identify, organize and provide ministry events that encourage family faith development for families of all kinds and for the church family as a whole. This team does a great job planning the Spring Picnic and our very successful Trunk or Treat event. This team is in need of a new chairperson and new member. Please contact Eric Butler or Pastor Adriana Hernandez (PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org) with any questions that you may have.

Children Ministry

This committee is charged to identify, organize and provide ministry to the children of the church. This team would like new members. Please contact Lydia Ramirez or Children's Ministry Director Janelle Chiricuzio at childrensministry@gilbertumc.org. Children's Ministry is also looking for Sunday school teachers for our Elementary aged kids. This is a bi-monthly commitment.

Invitation & Welcome

This committee is to create invitational opportunities to attract those with no church family and creating an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion for visitors. This team would like new members. Please contact Tom Mckinley or Rev. Rick Casebolt.

Missions

This committee is charged provide missions events and programs for those within and outside of the church. This team would like new members. Please contact Tom Bristow or Pastor Adriana Hernandez.

Youth Ministry

This committee meets every other month or quarterly, and is composed of youth, leaders, parents, and members of the congregation who help plan youth activities, Sunday school education, and service opportunities for youth 7th grade-12th grade. Youth Council is seeking 2-3 adults and 2 additional youth. Committee members will not need to attend all youth programming, but might be asked to volunteer at activities as needed. If you are young at heart, like to have fun, and enjoy serving others, this is the place for you! Please contact Ministry Director Shayla Paap at youthministry@gilbertumc.org.

Worship

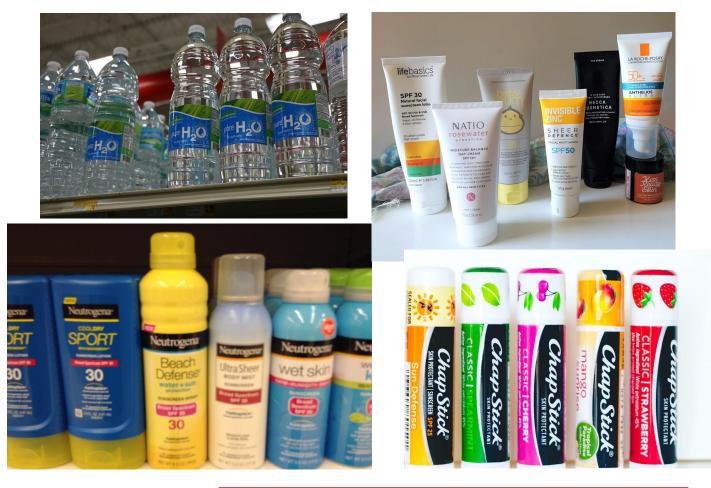
This committee shapes to worship life of the congregation in all its fullness. This team would like new members. Please contact Linda Martell or Rev. Rick Casebolt.

New members on any team, bring new ideas, energy, and perspectives. Any and all ministry teams benefit from the presences of new people that bring their own gifts and experiences. This is a window to see and do something new that has the potential to impact everyone at church and beyond our walls into the community.

Pastor Adriana

First Gilbert's Mission team will be collecting water bottles and sunscreen on September 4, 11 and 18.

The Mission team members will be out on the patio collecting these items and thanking you for your generosity and support. These items will be delivered to the Justa Center Cooling Site here in Phoenix. This site provides needed water, sunscreen and other supplies to the homeless community during a time when the temperatures and humidity are soaring. If you have any questions at all you can contact Joyce Steiner or Pastor Adriana.



A poster that Finley, a student at Gilbert Elementary, presented to First Gilbert yesterday. She and several other students drew this in appreciation of First Gilbert's support of their school.



FIRST GILBERT UMC

IT IS TIME TO **RECONNECT!**

Our next Wednesday night RECONNECT dinner is coming up! In addition to wonderful food and fellowship we will be providing information on our various ministries at First Gilbert!

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MINISTRY FAIR

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 5:30PM - 6:30PM

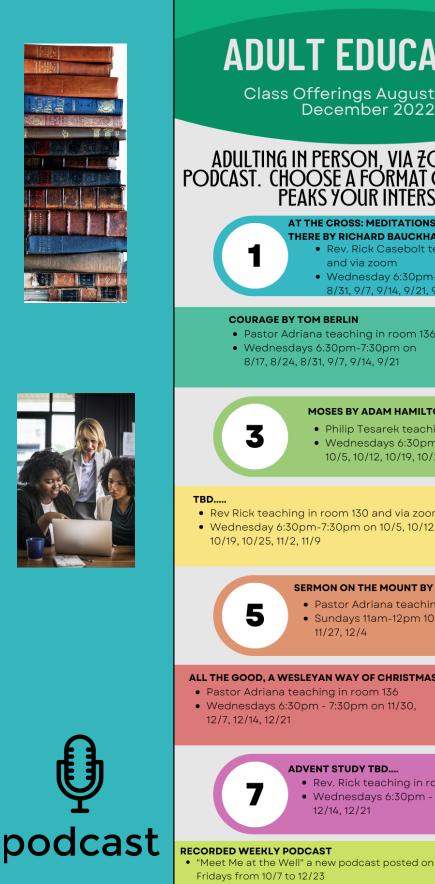
- Dinner begins at 5:30pm
- Ministry Fair 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Wednesday night classes and choir rehearsal to begin at 6:30pm
- Free-Will donation or food bank donation is appreciated

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Call to Find Out More 480-892-9166

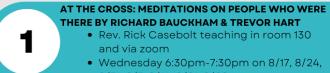
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ADULT EDUCATION

Class Offerings August 2022 -December 2022

ADULTING IN PERSON, VIA 700M, OR A PODCAST. CHOOSE A FORMAT OR TOPIC THAT PEAKS YOUR INTERSTS



8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

COURAGE BY TOM BERLIN

• Pastor Adriana teaching in room 136 • Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm on 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21

MOSES BY ADAM HAMILTON

- Philip Tesarek teaching in room 136 • Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm on 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2
- Rev Rick teaching in room 130 and via zoom • Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm on 10/5, 10/12,

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT BY PROF. AMY-JILL LEVINE

- Pastor Adriana teaching in room 136
- Sundays 11am-12pm 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4

ALL THE GOOD, A WESLEYAN WAY OF CHRISTMAS

- Pastor Adriana teaching in room 136 • Wednesdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm on 11/30,
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ADVENT STUDY TBD

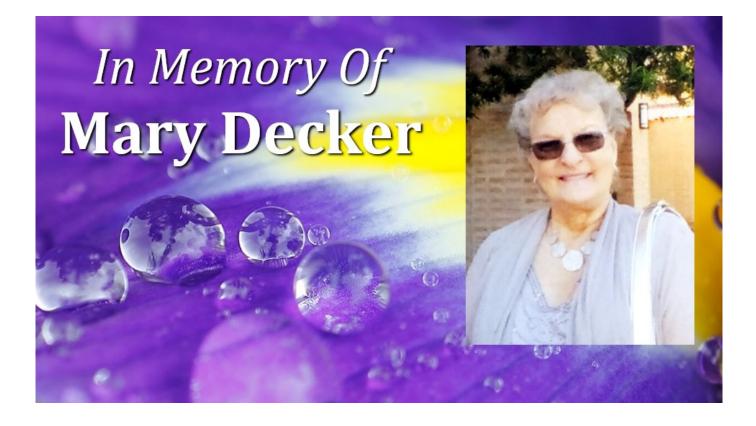
- Rev. Rick teaching in room 130
 - Wednesdays 6:30pm 7:30pm on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21
- Pick the time that works best for you to listen
- and explore faith today.

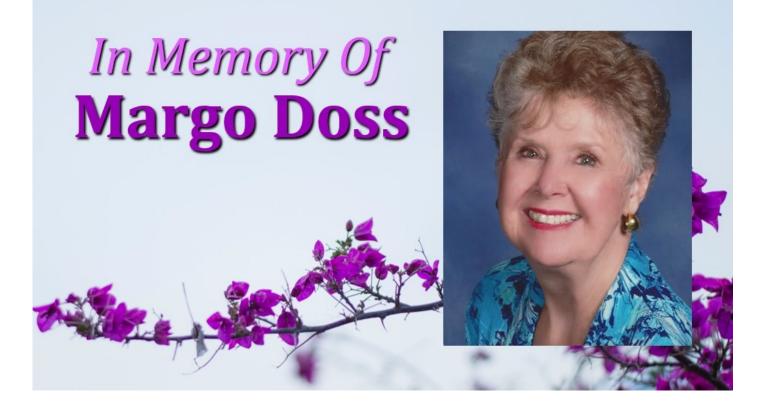
















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Faith and Family night at the Chase Field First game with DiamondBacks then the Concert!!! Fun to be had by all







2022 Youth Mission Trip Sierra Service Project "In this place"

Smith River



9_{1st} UMC Gilbert 14 adventurers 2700 miles **2 vans 4 full days of driving** 255 gallons of gas 4 states **3 homes away from home** of service VS tests

SSP video in a capsule

to see the whole 12 minute video with sound click below link http://gilbertumc.org/wpcontent/ uploads/2022/08/2022-SSP-Smith-River.mp4

Thank You

To all who supported this trip through donations, prayers, mail, and more...







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Water Day for the Sunday School



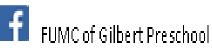
Fun was had by all and we even had lifeguard types





Water Day for the Sunday School

Preschool News www.gilbertpreschool.com





What a wonderful start to the school year! We had a great first few weeks with both returning and new families. Our classrooms are filled with 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Thank you to the church community and the Preschool Ministry Team for helping to create such a loving, welcoming environment for the preschoolers and families!

During August, the students and teachers spent time getting to know one another, learned the classroom routine and schedule. On the third week of school, we started talking about the letter Ww, started name writing practice and learning about God's Creations.

Bible Verse - "And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."



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, 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!



Missions-

Our preschool is collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Gilbert Food Bank to help with back to school lunches for local families. We love helping our community!



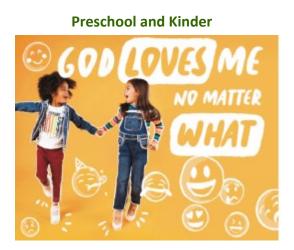
Grandparents' Day Breakfasts- September 6th & 7th

We love our Grandparents and special loved ones! The preschoolers will host their special person on one of these mornings in the Activity Center. They will eat a breakfast snack, play a game and spend some memorable time together.



If you have any questions about the preschool, please email preschool@gilbertumc.org or call 480-892-9166. Lisa DePalma or Ellie Koenig would love to speak with you!

September 2022 Children's Ministry What's Happening?



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Compassion, love, regret, sadness, anger...these are emotions God felt in the Bible. We are made in God's image so these emotions can be felt by us, too. And even though we don't always respond to our emotions the way God wants, God will always love us no matter what. CORE INSIGHT:

FAITH

WEEK ONE: Hannah Is Sad—1 Samuel 1:2-20 WEEK TWO: Gideon Is Scared—Judges 6:2-4, 11-12

WEEK THREE: Moses Is Frustrated—Numbers 11:4-17

WEEK FOUR: Abraham and Sarah Are Happy*— Genesis 21:1-8

BOTTOM LINE: GOD MADE EVERYTHING. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NIV

> Weds Wilds at 6:30pm in room 205 Kinder-6th graders. Register online On our website. We need this to be prepared for the children please.

1ST-6th Graders



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Throughout history, God has been faithful to us. God kept the promise to send Jesus to save us. When we remember that God will continue to be dependable, we can choose to trust God no matter what we might face in life. CORE INSIGHTS: **TRUTH • CONNECTION** WEEK ONE: Abraham and Isaac—Genesis 15:1-6; 18:1-15: 21:1-7 BOTTOM LINE: Trust God even when you have to wait. WEEK TWO: Isaac's Wells—Genesis 26:1-22; 26-31 BOTTOM LINE: Trust God no matter what. WEEK THREE: Jacob's Dream—Genesis 28:10-22 (supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27) BOTTOM LINE: You can trust that God has a plan. WEEK FOUR: Jacob and Esau's Reconciliation-Genesis 31:3; 32:3-32; 33:1-17 BOTTOM LINE: You can trust God even when you're worried.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5,

NIrV

Mission: Sidewalk Sunday



lanelle Chiricuzio, Director children ministry@gilbertumc.org



Jr. High Sunday School Room #200 with Ron During the 10am Service Sr High Sunday school in Sr high room #201-202 with Ms. Cindie



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

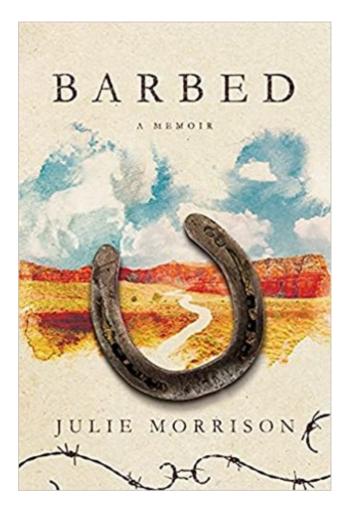
(Activities are tentative and times TBD- keep watching Youth News for details)

Sept 3-4: Youth Lock-In (6pm Sat until 10:30am Sunday) Sept 18th- Youth Group- Pool Party (11am-1pm) Sept 30- (Optional Weekend) LBGTQIA+ Allies Retreat at Mingus Oct 2- Youth Group, Bowling (time TBD) Oct 14- (Optional Weekend) Family Camp at Mingus Oct 23- Youth Group, Pumpkin Carving (time TBD) Nov 6th- Youth Group, Ice Skating (time TBD) Nov 20th- Youth Group, Hike (details TBD) Dec 4th- Youth Group combined with all church event (TBD) Dec 18th- Youth Group, Christmas Party Dec 24th- Volunteer at Live Nativity/Petting Zoo during services



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 ! outh New



The Book Corner September's book is <u>Barbed</u> By Julie Morrison

Julie/June will be leading the review of this fiction book which was published in 2021.

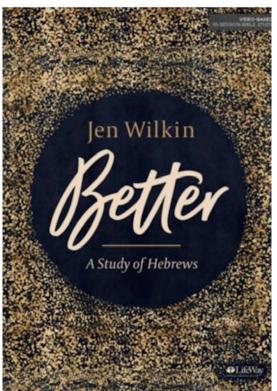
The Book Club will meet September 15th at 11:30 off campus. Please contact Judy Bristow (480-404-4714) for details on gathering address.

> October's book will be <u>Gilead</u> By Marilyn Robinson.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our next book Better by Adam Hamilton starting on September 20, 2022 at 9:15 social time, prayers and praises). Same format as before (in person only) no masks required (but highly recommended) with large group video then small group discussion. Please let me know if you want the book (so we can order enough) and if you need nursery care (so I can let those that arrange that, know.) Please share with friends/neighbors that might be interested in joining our multi denominational Christian group.

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone. (10 sessions) We will take of October 4 and 11. Contact Sonja Ruhland at Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com



Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

- September 1st at 9:30 am Christian Women's Fellowship meets in Room 130.
- Church office will be closed in observation of Labor Day on September 5th.
- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136. Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship.
- Memorial Service for Margo Doss is being held on September 10,2022 at 10:00 am in sanctuary and reception to follow in activity center.
- September 11th is Grandparents Day . Don't forget Grandpa, or Poppa and Grandma or Grammie!
- Book Club Meets September 15th at 11:30 am in Room 130 September's book is <u>Barbed</u> by Julie Morrison will be held off campus. Please contact Judy Bristow
- (480-404-4714) for details on gathering Address.
- DSUMC Lay Ministry class is being held on Friday Night Sept. 23 (6pm) and September 24th (8 am) this is a district wide offering so if you are interested contact DSUMC website. This is pending depending on who signs up.
- Memorial Service for Mary Decker will be held in the near future. Please contact church office for date and time.
- Next Wednesday night dinner September 28th save the date!
- October 2nd is World Communion Day



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 <u>prayers@gilbertumc.org</u>. 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.







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 or (480) 510-4588. Thank you

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From your financial Committee



Congregational Care Support Groups

For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Adriana at <u>pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org</u> or 480-892-9166

Grief Share Support Group will be In person at Sunrise Assisted Living Center All Are Welcome 580 S Gilbert Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85296

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them. This support group. Led by Kay Pealstrom <u>kpealstrom@aol.com</u> is meeting on Saturdays from 9am-10:30am Masks Required Workbook and class materials required





Living Hope Support Group

A group for those experiencing trauma or dealing with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). If you are interested in this group please contact Pastor Adriana at PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org.



September Calendar of Events 2022



October Calendar of Events 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Chat & Chew Wednesday Noom Room 133			1 Grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30
2 _{Communion} Sunday	3	4 _{Tuesday} Morning Bible Study 9:15	5Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday	6 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30	7	8
			Night Bible study 6:30	Women's Ministry		GRIEF SHARE
9	10 colum- bus Day	11Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15	12 _{Chat N Chew} Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	13 _{Shawl} Ministry !:00 Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk through 13-16	14	15
16	17	18 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15	19 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	20 _{Book} Club 11:30	21	22
23	24	25 _{Tues} Morning Bible 9:15	26 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study	27	28	29
30	31		6:30 Chat & Chew Wednesday Noom Room 133			
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September Birthdays



Gail Greeley	2
Catherine Panella	2
Kimberly Fairley	3
Dennis E Hunter	5
Richard Curran	6
Chris Cantwell	8
Cindie Rempel	12
Kathryn Church	13
Eric Butler	14
Paige Cantwell	14
Sarah Metz	14
Matt Roberts	14
Laura Boever	15
Christopher Odell	17
Maia Chiricuzio	20
Alexandra Houseman	21
Katie Bouchie	21
Addie Fairley	23
Jeanie Hirsch	23
Bruce Woolsey	23
Elinore Englebrecht	24
Lisa Martin	24
Jake Regnitz	24
Delaine Anthony	27
Lydia Ramirez	27



September Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years
		Married
07	Elinore and LeRoy Engelbrecht	75
07	Shayla and David Paap	20
09	Lori and Stuart Wiemers	27
12	Judith and Richard Pierce	63
15	Colleen Quin and Matt Roberts	21



Did you know ???That we are adopting 988 as anew nationwide standard to reach the THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTIONAND MENTAL HEALLTH CRISIS LIFELINE!Started as of July 12,2022.