# The Evangel First United Methodist Church of Gilbert March 2023



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331 S Cooper Road Gilbert, AZ 85233 480-892-9166

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



#### Safe Sanctuary Training

For Church Staff and Volunteers

Sunday, March 5 1:00—3:00 pm Room 130

Contact Shayla for info and RSVP youthministry@gilbertumc.org



# Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour

Helping the coffee hour team is a fun way to fulfill your call to ministry!

Contact Divina at connection@gilbertumc.org



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9AB2EA7FBC61-wednesday



#### Join Us for Easter Services During the 9:30 Am Services

There will special activities for the kids

They will learn about the meaning of Easter

They will have **FUN** 

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#### Save the Date Mothers Day Purses Drive

The Missions Committee is again collecting new or gently used purses filled with goodies this Mother's Day to donate to moms in local domestic violence and family shelters. We will be working in conjunction with UMOM this year. Please bring all donations to the church office by May 5th, 2023. We will also accept empty purses or just the items to fill them. With 15-20 empty purses already donated, we are especially looking for items to fill the purses and/or monetary donations to be used to purchase such items. Suggestions for things to include are cosmetics, scented lotions, hair

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brushes, bath gels, manicure and pedicure items, jewelry, hair accessories and toiletries. Many of these items can be purchased at any dollar store (although most will cost more than a dollar; please no travel size items). Why not take this opportunity to clear out those purses you no longer use and fill a couple of them with things to please a deserving mom? Or, if you don't have any purses you're wanting to part with, please consider purchasing items to fill already donated purses.

Monetary donations can be made by checks to First United Methodist Church with "Purse Project" on the notation line.

Thank you! Any questions? Please call Paige Cantwell at 219-614-1849.

#### **Food Drive Update**







We collected two big boxes of food, one with cans and bottles and one with cardboard. Thanks to all the volunteers that assisted with the Gilbert Food Drive.

The mayor of Gilbert came by on Saturday to show support for the food drive. She took a couple of selfies. She's an amazing lady.





Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9:30am in room 130. Ongoing classes facilitated by Sonja Ruhland.

#### Sunrise Assisted Living Facility, Thursdays (1st & 3rd) at 10am, Adriana:

Communion (2nd Thursday of the month) March 2nd: Sermon on the Mount: Chapter 2

March 16th: Sermon on the Mount: Chapter 3

April 6th: Sermon on the Mount: Chapter 4
April 20th: Sermon on the Mount: Chapter 5
& Communion

#### First Gilbert Sunday School, Sundays at **11am** in room 136, Adriana:

Luke, Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton is a lent series that explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke.

February 26th – Lent Study/Luke: Chapter 1 March 5th - Lent Study/Luke: Chapter 2 March 12th - Lent Study/Luke: Chapter 3 March 19th – Lent Study/Luke: Chapter 4 March 26th – Lent Study/Luke: Chapter 5 April 2nd – Lent study/Luke: Chapter 6 April 9th Easter Sunday, 16th, 23rd No Classes

April 30th – New Study TBD

#### First Gilbert Sunday School, Sundays at 9:45am in room 130

Ongoing class facilitated by Chris Odell.

#### First Gilbert Wednesday Night Study, Wednesday at 6:30pm in room 130, Rick:

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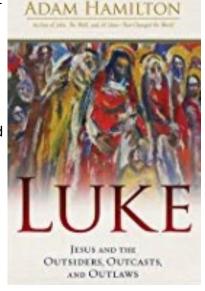
March 8th – Chapter 1
March 15th – Chapter 2 & 3
March 22nd – Chapter 4
March 29th – Chapter 5
April 5th – Chapter 6

Reflective Writing led by Erna Huitema will be held on March 9th and 30th at 9 am room 130.



### This Year's Lenten Study: Luke, Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. In Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke.



Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we

hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today. The book can be read alone or used for a group study and church-wide Lenten program. Additional components include video teaching sessions featuring Adam Hamilton, a comprehensive leader guide, free downloadable resources for children and youth, and a digital worship and sermon helps. The book includes a link to download the free teaching resources for children and youth.

This Lenten season this class will be offered on two different dates/times. Pastor Rick will be teaching on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in room 136 in person and on line. Class will be starting **March 8, 2023 through April 5th, 2023.** Pastor Adriana will be teaching on Sundays at 11am in room 130 in person. This class will start on February 26, 2023 through April 2nd, 2023.



#### Teachers, Classes and YOU!! Oh My!

The Adult Ministry team is looking for teachers and new class content and formats. If you are at all interested in creating or teaching one class this year please let Pastor Adriana or anyone on the Adult Ministry team know.

Team members include Pastor Adriana, Evelyn Plummer, Erna Huitema, Chris Odell, Elaine Miller and Greg Walker.



#### **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

#### Presented by:

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

#### **Desert Southwest**

1st & 3rd Friday of the month 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert 331 S Cooper Rd - Rm 130 Gilbert, AZ 85233

For questions or more information call 1.800.272.3900

Visit alz.org/dsw to learn more about caregiver programs and resources. To further extend your network of support, visit ALZ connected\*, our online community, at alzconnected.org.

#### Build a support system with people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association® support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

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#### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

VOLUNTEER WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION







Millions of Americans are impacted by Alzheimer's disease, and you can help by becoming an Alzheimer's Association volunteer. Our ability to reach and support those affected depends on people like you who are dedicated to the fight against this disease.

As an Association volunteer, you can use your unique talents to make a meaningful impact in your community while connecting with others who share your passion. Find the role that's the best fit for you!

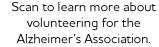
Are you interested in:



Connecting with people in your area?



Teaching caregivers about Alzheimer's?





Organizing fun social activities for people living with Alzheimer's?



Helping community members find programs and services?



Creating a safe environment where people can share their feelings and experiences?



**SCAN ME** 

Getting started is easy! Learn more today. Call 1.800.272.3900 or visit alz.org/volunteer

# HEALTH MINISTRY BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEALTH CHECKS

in Activity Center March 12 between services



**#VitalToLife** 



ADVANCE
APPOINTMENTS
are encouraged to help
maintain social distancing.



FACE MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL FOR VITALANT DONORS





# BLOOD DRIVE Sunday May 7 th

7am - 11am in Activity Center

To make an appointment:

- Visit donors.vitalant.org
- Scan QR code at left
- or call 877.258.4825

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

# Join the Choir!

Contact Randy at musicdirector@gilbertumc.org or call office at 480-892-9166

# Praise Band Musicians Needed



- Electric Guitar
- · Bass Guitar
- Drums
- · Acoustic Guitar
- · Any other instruments

#### Contact:

randallvanderpol@gmail.com





#### Holy Week Services at First UMC Gilbert Palm Sunday April 2 8:30, 9:30 am\* Maundy Thursday April 6 6:30 pm **Good Friday** April 7 6:30 pm\* Easter Sunday April 9 Sunrise Service 6:00 am† **Blended Services** 8:00 am, 9:30 am\* BSA Troop88 and 3088 Pancake Breakfast †Nursery available at all services except Sunrise \*Livestream available; see website 🗀 331 S Cooper Rd | 480-892-9166 | gilbertumc.org





## **Preschool News** www.gilbertpreschool.com









#### What's been going on? February-**Healthy, Happy Hearts for God!**

We had a busy February learning all about letters Hh, Xx, and Qg. In chapel we started chapel buddies. Each PreK student was paired up with a 3's student. They sit together during the bible story and also get to share, sing and say the bible verse together. We learned about Daniel in the Lion's Den, the Good Samaritan and how to love others like Jesus!



We learned about eating healthy foods and had a visit from Kidtastic Dental showing us how to keep out teeth healthy. Our mission this month was to spread God's love by making a beaded heart to give someone special in the community.

Literature Week- What a fun week we had! Monday- Corduroy; bring your favorite stuffed animal to school

Tuesday-Caps for Sale; Wear a hat to school Wednesday-Napping House; Wear pajamas to school Thursday-If You Give a Mouse a Cookie; Dress up as a character from your favorite book.

Literature Parade around the courtyard in our awesome costumes!



#### What's coming up? March

Learning about the letters LI (Ladybugs) and Gg (Garden)! We will learn about amazing bugs and plants that God created.





#### **Gardening with Preschoolers-**

Have you checked out the Children's Garden?

This month we are raising caterpillars, observing and playing with ladybugs and touching earth worms! What fun! Our classes will also bpicking and tasting the vegetables

that we planted last fall...with ranch of course!



#### Spring Break will be March 13th-23rd

# REGISTRATION

**Registration**- We have openings in our 3's program and a few left in our Pre K for the 2023-2024 school year. Please tell a friend and help us spread the word! Please contact us if you have any questions. 480-892-9166 or preschool@gilbertumc.org

Lisa DePalma- Director Ellie Koenig- Directors Assistant



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!

# Children's Ministry anelle Chiricuzio, Director children ministry agilbertumc.or

#### March 2023 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

#### **Preschool and Kinder**



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Jesus showed us how to love each other while He was on earth. We can love others by praying for them. We can love others by being kind to them. We can love others by sharing with them. And Jesus was very clear about who "them" is – "them" is everyone.

CORE INSIGHT: : TRANSFORMATION

WEEK ONE: Jesus Prays—Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16,

Luke 6:12

WEEK TWO: Jesus Is Gentle—Mark 5: 25-34

WEEK THREE: Jesus Helps\*—John 6:1-13

WEEK FOUR: Jesus Loves Everyone—The

Gospels

BOTTOM LINE: I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS.

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

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:**

No matter how much we mess up, God will always forgive us. Jesus even chose to forgive those who were crucifying Him. Because God forgives us, we should work hard to forgive others. CORE INSIGHTS:

**CONNECTION • TRANSFORMATION** 

WEEK ONE: Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet—Luke

7:36-50

BOTTOM LINE: Everyone needs forgiveness.

WEEK TWO: Zacchaeus—Luke 19:1-10

BOTTOM LINE: When you forgive others, it can

change them.

WEEK THREE: The Unmerciful Servant—Matthew

18:21-35

BOTTOM LINE: Forgive others because God for-

gives you.

WEEK FOUR: The Story of the Lost Son—Luke

15:11-32

BOTTOM LINE: God will always forgive you.

"Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIrV

Mission: Mother's

Day

Purse Drive: bottles of lotion, shampoo, etc.



Shayla Paap Director Yoputhministry@gilbert UMC.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

Volunteer for VBS 2023
June 5th-9th from 9am -12 Noon



This year's 2023 VBS: READY, SET, MOVE as we learn about following Jesus here, there, and everywhere with fun crafts, music, and fellowship!

Email Children's Ministry for more information!

Save the Date
SSP Summer 2023
June 23rd- July 1st (proposed dates)
Watch Youth News for upcoming Fundraising opportunities and more details!
Navajo Nation near Chile in Northern AZ



#### SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

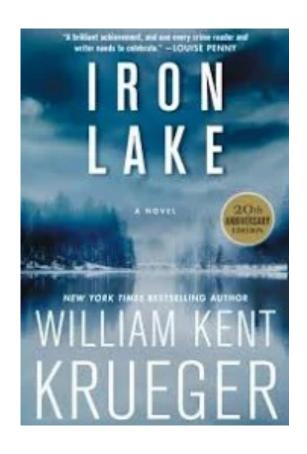
(Activities are tentative and times TBD- keep watching Youth News for details)

Spring 2023- Confirmation (open to 7-12 graders) Dates TBD
March 18th- Youth Group, TBD
June 5 thru 9th- VBS, 9am-12pm M-F, Volunteer Opportunity!
June 23rd (Fri)- July 1st (Sat), SSP 2023 (approximate dates)
July 23-28th- YOUTH 2023 in Daytona Beach, FL



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!



#### The Book Corner

**March's** book is <u>Iron Lake</u> By William Kent Krueger

Craig will be leading the review of this fiction book which was published in 1998.

The Book Club will meet March 16th at 11:30 in Room 130.

April 's book is <u>The Secrets We Kept</u> By Laura Prescott

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Our next book is From Beginning to Forever by Elizabeth **Woodson** starting March 28 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. Many Christians today are daunted by the Bible, seeing the size and scope of Scripture as intimidating and overwhelming. The result is often a fragmented understanding of parts of the Bible, which leads us to view it through the lens of our individual stories, primarily looking for different verses or passages to help us live our everyday lives. But, in our search for personal truth, we fail to see how the entirety of Scripture works together to show a bigger story—God's work to redeem and restore the entire world.

In From Beginning to Forever, Elizabeth Woodson guides you through the story of the Bible, showing how all 66 books combine to form one unified narrative. Weaving together the rich theological truths found in Genesis through Revelation, this 8-session study shows the eternal significance of what

From Beginning To Forever

A STUDY OF THE GRAND NARRATIVE OF SCRIPTURE

ELIZABETH WOODSON

God is doing in the world and how he invites us to be a part of it. Contact Sonja Ruhland at Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com  $_{18}$ 

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

- Register today for VBS Ready, Set, MOVE! Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere starting June 5th through June 9th 9:00am to Noon.
- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136 Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship.
- March 2nd at 9:30 am Christian Women's Fellowship meets in Room 130.



- Safe Sanctuary Training will be held March 5th at 1-3 pm in room 130
- Do you know more about joining our church? Then join us for the Methodism 101 class March 12th at 11:00 am in room 130.
- Preschool on Break March 13-27. There will not be any Tuesday Morning Bible Study March 14 or 21.
- Fellowship Dinner March 15th at 5:30 pm Activity Center. Join us for fellowship, food and fun.
- Book Club Meets March 16th at 11:30 am in Room 130 March's book is Iron **Lake** by William Kent Krueger.



March 17th is St Patrick's Day.



- All Church Spring Clean up for Easter March 25th 9:00 am. Washing Windows and screens, painting projects and separating and organizing our folding chairs, and other deep cleaning projects. Questions please email me at trusteechairman@gilbertumc.org.
- April 2nd is Palm Sunday services at 8:00 am and 9:30 am. Plan to join us for Holy Week services; Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 pm, Good Friday service at 6:30 pm, and Easter morning services at 6:00 am, 8:00 am, and 9:30 am.
- Save the Date for the Pancake Breakfast on Easter morning April 9th served 8:00-11:00 in activity center. Donations can be made to BSA Troops 88 and 3088.
- Save the Date Mother 's Day Purse drive will end May 5th. Clean out your closets! Will take gently used or new purses and toiletries, lotion, gels, or manicure sets, barrettes and hair clips.

















#### **Spring Cleaning Preparations**

Mark your calendars for Saturday 9:00 am March 25th when we will be preparing for our Easter celebration with an all-church spring clean-up day. There will be many jobs for cleaning windows and screens, painting projects, sorting out



our folding chairs, deep cleaning spaces that need it and any other project you might bring to our attention.

Spend the day with us as we burn calories, build muscle, and further develop your Christian friendships with one another as we prepare for our 2023 Easter celebration! If you have questions, concerns or ideas for projects please email trusteeschairman@gilbertumc.org.

Text-to-Give

† Text 480-712-1057

† Enter amount with \$ sign
for example: \$25

For first usage only:
† Register with link provided

† Click "Process"

#### From Your Finance Committee

January 202	3	2023 Year to Date (calendar year)	
Budgeted Contributions	\$54,192	Budgeted Contributions	\$650,305
Actual Contributions	\$36,199	Actual Contributions	\$36,199
Actual Spending	\$62,434	Actual Spending	\$62,434
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$26,235)	Surplus (Deficit)	(\$26,235)



#### **Congregational Care Support Groups**

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

pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org or 480-892-9166

# Grief Share Support Group will be ON-Line only All Are Welcome

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them.

This support group is led by Kay Pealstrom k.pealstrom@gmail.com

Please register with Kay.

Zoom meeting on Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00

Workbook and class materials required



#### 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 <a href="mailto:prayers@gilbertumc.org">prayers@gilbertumc.org</a>. 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







#### **March Calendar of Events 2023**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study & fellowship dinner 5:30	2 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 Women's	3	4Grief share Every Saturday 8:30-10:00 on line only
5Communion Sunday	6	7 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15	R Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	9 Shawl Ministry !:00	10	11 GRIEF SHARE
12 Daylight saving time	13 Preschool On Break until February 27th	14Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15	15 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	16 Book Club 11:00	17 <sub>St</sub> . Patrick's Day	18
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2Communion Sunday Palm	3	4 <sub>Tues</sub> Morning Bible 9:15	5Chat N Chew Noon	6Christian Women's Fellowship	7 Good Friday service at	10:00 online  8  GRIEFE SHARE
Sunday		9.15	Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30 off	9:30 Maundy Thursday  Maundy Thursday	6:30 FRUA	****
9 <sub>Easter</sub>	10 Church office closed for Easter	11 <sub>Tues</sub> Morning Bible 9:15 off	12Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	13	14	15
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23	24	25 <sub>Tues</sub> Morning Bible 9:15	26Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 530	21	28 <sub>Arbor</sub>	29
30			Chat & Chew Wednesday Noon Room 133			

#### **March Birthdays**



Larry Randolph	01
Julie Curran	02
Kathy Snyder	03
Hailey Houseman	04
Lucy Daniels	07
Katelyn Johns	80
Jim Eggen	10
Magaly Kon	11
Sharon Massey	11
Nate Pearce	12
Gavin Rempel	12
Ainsley Snyder	12
Lynn Carroll	14
Nina Chiricuzio	15
Brandi Vallera	16
Alexandria Bose	18
Carolyn Skinner	18
Trevor Snyder	18
Margie Zeilstra	18
Mollie Belcher	19
Seth Daugherty	19
Philip Tesarek	23



Makenna Arbogast	25
Adam Butler	26
Bob Chuk	26
Kevin Becker	27
Hudson Johnson	28
Justin Diaz	29



#### **March Anniversaries**

Date	Sweet Couple	Years
		Married
11	Miriam and Stan Gill	34
16	Stacy and Chris Cantwell	11
21	Pam and Mark Turner	37
23	Taleen and Keith Carpenter	27
28	Veronica and George Dailey	28

