The Evangel First United Methodist Church of Gilbert February



Church office will be closed

February 19th for the observance of President's day

Attendance Dec 17 to Jan 21th total in church 1409

Virtual viewing 1138

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



The annual family campout is being revived!

We have reserved a group campsite
at Ponderosa Campground outside Payson for April 26-28, 2024.

Each family/individual will be responsible for bringing their camping gear. We'll have a campfire (if allowed) or at least a group gathering each night with fellowship & possibly a sing-along. Before breaking camp Sunday, there will be a worship service. In addition to your camping gear, bring along any lawn games (corn hole, etc), card or board games you'd like to share. There are hiking trails and lakes nearby, too.

We'll divide into 3 groups to provide Sat/Sun breakfast & Sat supper. Fri night supper & Sat lunch will be on your own. So that we will have an idea of how many are interested in joining the fun, there will be a signup sheet on the patio for the next few Sundays. If we have enough interest, we'll need to reserve an additional group site. We will not know the cost until it is determined how many are going, as the cost will be divided among participants.

Please direct any questions to Jo Goslar or Elice Province.





A Word from the Mission Committee

By Joyce Steiner, Chairperson of the Missions Committee

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, spoke of the world as being his parish. Following in his footsteps, we make it ours as well. In moving beyond the walls of our church community out into the larger parish of the world, we help to expand the Kingdom of God here on earth. This we do by being instruments through which God's love can take action in the world. Our participation in the Gilbert Community Food Drive is the first opportunity this year for our congregation to serve as God's instruments at work in the world.

Throughout the year, the Missions team will be providing a number of other such opportunities, such as the Mother's Day purse drive. Please be reassured that it is NOT the committee's expectation for any one person or family to participate in all the opportunities. No one musical instrument can make an orchestra. It takes many different kinds. Similarly, it takes people with many different gifts and interests to create "God's Orchestra." So, we invite you to listen closely to your hearts to discern which instruments God is calling you to "play."

Keep in mind that "playing an instrument" can take a number of forms. Donating money or a purse is one such way. Taking Thanksgiving gift cards to families is another. Such is the case, as well, with helping to staff the table at which people sign up for a project. Setting up that table is yet another way. So, listen closely to your hearts to determine not only which projects are tugging at your heart strings, but also in which ways God is inviting you to be involved with those projects. By doing so, you will have prepared yourself to become a member of God's orchestra through which we can help to expand the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Current Mission Team Efforts Gilbert Elementary School

Our church continues to support Gilbert Elementary School, which is a neighborhood Title 1 school. Schools meet criteria based on total student enrollment and the number of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. We supply snacks to those students who are hungry and cannot concentrate on their studies. We would appreciate all donations. A list has been provided below. You may drop them off throughout the school year in the wooden crates on the wire shelves labeled Missions inside the doors of the Activity Center. The students are so polite and grateful when we deliver snacks to them. It's always a joy to see them!

Please note, all food items must be individually packaged. Supplies needed include peanut butter or cheese filled crackers, cups of Mac'n Chees (just add water), Cheez-Its, Goldfish, Pop Tarts, Fruit Snacks, granola bars, Gatorade, bottled water, and breakfast bars.

Community Wide Food Drive

The Mission Team is coordinating our church's participation in the Town of Gilbert's Community Wide Food Drive. This year we will be one of many churches and faith based organizations that will be a designated collection point from 9am—6pm on February 24th and 25th.

More information will be published soon on how to sign up to volunteer and what items are being collected. Collected items are provided to the United Food Bank, Midwest Food Bank, Open Arms, and many more local organizations.

JUNE MORRISON

Submitted by: Therese Pineda RN, Parish Nurse



June Morrison turns 100 Years Old February 12, 2024. June has been a member of this church for 75 years. She has been active in the church and the community all of her life. She is an amazingly kind woman with a generous spirit. June is the only living person to have attended in all three locations of our church. Our first church building was built in 1919 and was sadly condemned in 1946. While the new church was being built on Main Street (Gilbert Road), she and the rest of the congregation attended services at the Tone Theatre building (Joe's Bar-B-Q). In 1986 June donated the five acres where the Church currently sits at 331 S. Cooper Road.

June has served on just about every committee the church has ever had. Finance, secretary, Stephen Ministry, calling on the sick, cleaning, or whatever needed to be done. She has served as pianist, organist, and choir director. June shared that once Richard managed to escape from the nursery and found his way up the aisle while June was playing the organ during church service. He knew exactly where to find his mother! At one time herself, her husband Marvin and their three sons made up half the choir.

June helped Alice Stevenson, our first parish nurse, to start the health ministry in 1997. Through this ministry and well before its start in 1997 she comforted many people who were ill or going through a difficult diagnosis with visits and phone calls.

She is a wonderful loving Christian that we are so proud to have serving with us in this church.

In 2000, June along with the help of Parish Nurse Alice Stevenson and Judy Backus began Chat & Chew. Still going strong it is a group of retirees who meet here at the church on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Everyone brings their own sack lunch to enjoy in the good company of friends just chatting and chewing. The last several minutes are usually spent singing together with June at the piano keyboard.

The Gilbert Museum located at HD South will be having a June Morrison day on February 13 9:00AM-4:00PM. June will be there in person for one hour at 10:00 AM and again at 2:00 PM. 10 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert, AZ on the South West Corner of Gilbert and Elliot roads.

On March 17th at 10:30, following the 9:30 service we will celebrated June's 100th Birthday and 75 year membership through a celebration of all of our ministries. Please join us for this celebration to include food, games, prayer, and fun.











Adult Ministry Studies

Information below covers current classes that are wrapping up in February. Both the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning study will do the same Lenten Study. Yes, Lent begins February 14th!

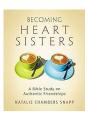
Choir Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45am in room 130, the choir meets weekly. This group facilitates their own bible study. Although primarily choir members, anyone is welcome to join them.



Becoming Heart Sisters A Bible Study on Authentic Friendships

We are continuing this study is by Natalie Chambers Snapp. Class meets on Sunday 11am. This class is led by Pastor Adriana Hernandez in room 136. February dates are 2/4 and 2/11.



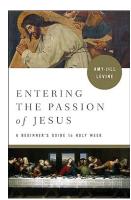
We Make the Road by Walking

The Wednesday Evening Bible study class continues their work in We Make the Road by Walking. This class will cover this book one time in February on 2/7. Class is led by Pastor Rick Casebolt on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in person and via zoom. Class meets in room 130.



Lent Study: Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.



In Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Pastor Rick Wednesday 6:30pm, Room 130/zoom 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27 Pastor Adriana Sundays 11am, Room 136—2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24

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ADVANCE
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are encouraged to help
maintain social distancing.





BLOOD DRIVE Sunday February 4

7am - 11am in Activity Center

To make an appointment:

- · Visit donors.vitalant.org
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Make your wishes known - A tough talk

On January 2^{nd,} 2023, the world was understandably traumatized after watching the Buffalo Bills NFL player, Damar Hamlin, receive CPR following cardiac arrest in real time on the football field. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency lifesaving procedure when the heart stops beating to keep blood flow active. With tragedy, comes conversation. This event has people talking about what they would want for themselves or their loved ones. While it is a difficult topic to approach, this might be a good time to discuss items such as Living Will, Code Status, and POA (Power of Attorney) for health care and finances.

If you find yourself in a hospital setting with the responsibility of making decisions for someone else, the staff can explain Code Status options for you. Please don't hesitate to ask questions as many times as you need to. DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) means that they would not restart the heart with CPR. 90% of people who experience cardiac arrest outside of the hospital die. In the hospital setting, the average survival rate from cardiac arrest is 18%. CPR is necessarily brutal, and chest compressions often result in rib and sternum fractures. DNR does not mean "Do Not Treat". Patients will still receive full medical care including antibiotics, procedures, medications, physical therapy, etc. Opting for a DNR code status would specifically mean not doing CPR with chest compressions if the heart stops.

CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival. Here are the CPR guidelines for an unresponsive adult without a pulse:

Call 911.

30:2 – 30 compressions then 2 breaths.

Push hard & fast - 2 inches chest depth, 100 times/minute.

Attach AED (automatic external defibrillator) - Just turn it on and follow the prompts.

Change compressor every 2 minutes.

If you choose to include respirations (mouth to mouth), barriers can be purchased to minimize the risk to yourself for \$5. https://www.amazon.com/Gloves-Shield-AsaTechmed-Firefighters-Responders/dp/B081K619MK/ref=sr 1 37?

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The American Heart Association's website educates on CPR topics, including hands free CPR. If you are not certified in CPR, or not sure how to provide rescue breaths, stick to hands-only CPR.

Call 911.

Push hard & fast on the chest in the center just below the nipple line.

The heel of one hand on the center chest, the other on top, interlock fingers.

Straight arms, shoulders over hands, use the upper body for strength.

https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/hands-only-cpr

Life care planning is an important task for all of us regardless of age. Make your wishes known in the event of an emergency. The Attorney General wants the public to have access to free legal documentation. You can print off a full packet for Living will, POA for healthcare and POA finances at no cost to you. Visit www.azag.gov. Click on 'Seniors'. Scroll down to 'Life Care Planning'. Choose 'Complete LCP Packet'.

references

https://cpr.heart.org/en/resuscitation-science/cpr-and-ecc-guidelines and www.azag.gov

[&]quot;God is using me in a different way today". (Damar Hamlin).





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Gilbert preschool



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What's been happening?

January was a busy month learning about letters, Dd and Zz. We celebrated the season with many fun winter themed activities and crafts. In chapel we started "chapel buddies", Pre-K and 3's preschoolers are paired up together and get to know each other and sit together in chapel each week. We also learned about the parable of the lost sheep and Daniel in the Lion's Den. As we discussed the parables we related it to our lives by letting the preschoolers know that each one of them is important to us, to the class, and to God. They are learning so much about who they are and how to be a good friend! At the end of January, preschool dads were invited to share a special breakfast together with their little ones before school for "Donuts with Dad". Our theme, "Construction" was a lot of fun and a great success!







What's coming up?

February is a month full of love and compassion! We'll enjoy Valentine's Day parties in class. We will also be learning about having Healthy hearts and showing God's love to everyone. There will be a visit from the Dentist this month and we will learn how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. At the end of the month, we'll celebrate the joy of reading with Literature week! This week is filled with fun dress up days and favorite books, games, and

activities!

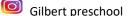


Registration for the 2024-2025 school year began on January 22nd and is ongoing. We have openings in both 3's and Pre-K. Registration information and documents are available online. Spread the word! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and on our website: gilbertpreschool.com!



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Missions -

This month we will be celebrating Healthy, Happy Hearts! We will be collecting items for the American Heart Association.







Community Rewards Program

Shop at Fry's

It's a great time to register your Fry's grocery card online so that the church preschool receives money back! The process is done online in just a few simple steps. Our account number is 80635. Throughout the years, we've bought playground toys, purchased a portable stage, and lots of other great items with the Fry's money. Thank you!



If you have any questions about the preschool, please contact Lisa DePalma or Ellie Koenig at preschool@gilbertumc.org or 480-892-9166.

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January 2024 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool



SERIES DESCRIPTION: The love Jesus gives the world is hard for us to comprehend because it's bigger and more gracious than the love the world offers. The love of Jesus is for everyone— everyone. Nothing can make Jesus stop loving us—nothing. It's a God-sized love that has to be received before it's understood. It's that good.

CORE INSIGHT: Compassion

WEEK ONE: Jesus and the Leper (Mark 1:40 -50)

WEEK TWO: The Unloved Woman (John 8:2

WEEK THREE: Zacchaeus* (Luke 19:1-10) WEEK FOUR: Jesus and the Children (Luke 18:15-16)

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus loves everyone.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be kind and loving to each other." Ephesians 4:32, NCV

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.

Grades1-6



SERIES DESCRIPTION God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Because of God's love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus modeled kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

CORE INSIGHTS Compassion, Community

WEEK ONE: The Kindness of Jesus (Matthew 8:1-4, Matthew 19:13-15, Matthew 9:10-13) Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to be kind.

WEEK TWO: Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1-2) **Bottom Line:** Be kind to the people closest to you.

WEEK THREE: Go the Extra Mile (Matthew 5:41)Bottom Line: Be kinder than you have to be.

WEEK FOUR: Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) Bottom Line: Be kind to people who are different from you.

MEMORY VERSE: "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient." Colossians 3:12, NIrV

Mission:



Jr. High Sunday School
Room #200 with Ron
During the 9:30am Service
Sr High Sunday school in
Sr high room #201-202 with

Announcing Summer 2024 Sierra Service Project

Open to current 7th grade- college SSP in Chiloquin, OR

June 29th- July 6 (approximate dates)

We will need \$50 deposit to secure your spot.

Please make payment On-line and specify Youth Ministry and write: Mission Trip Deposit for (Youth Name) in the notes section.

Fundraising efforts will begin soon

Sign Up Here if you're interested in joining us!!!



Do you have a youth in 7-12th grade that would like to dig deeper into the beliefs of the United Methodist Church, and ultimately (if they decide too) be confirmed as a United Methodist and a member of 1st UMC Gilbert? If the answer is yes, please email Shayla so we can decide if there are enough youth for a class this Spring, or if we should skip a year, or join with another local church. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

(Activities are tentative and times TBD- keep watching Youth News for details)
Youth Group- February 4th, 5:45-9 pm Youth Ignited at PVUMC

Meet at church to carpool to PVUMC

Feb. 11th- Youth Group TBD

Feb.17th (Saturday)- 9:30-11:30am: Prayer Connection event

Feb. 18th-Youth Group TBD

Feb 25th- Youth Group TBD

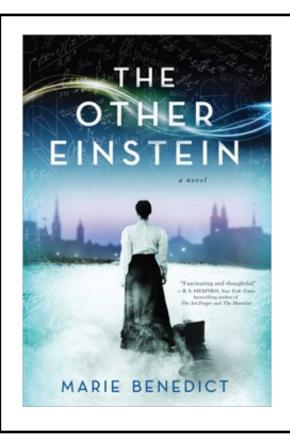
Watch the weekly Youth News (email) for more details!





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

February's book is <u>The Other Einstein</u> by Marie Benedict

Helen review of this fiction book which was published in 2017.

The Book Club will meet February 15th at 11:30 in Room 130.

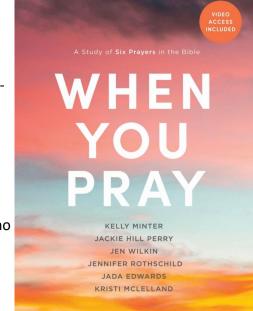
March's book will be The Heavens May Fall by Allen E Skens

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Is your New Year's resolution to pray more? Join us for this weekly study of prayer by multiple dynamic authors including a video, discussion and self study. Starting January 16th 9:15am social time 9:30a-11:15a study time. If nursery care is needed please contact Sonja Ruhland.

Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle. Throughout God's Word, we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray.

In this 7-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll



learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ.

Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

 Grief Share meets on Zoom every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am, Please sign up with Kay at Kay.pealstrom@gmail.com.



- Christian Women's Fellowship will meet February 1st in room 130 at 9:30 am
- Save the Date February 4th is the Next blood drive there will not be any BP checks for the month of February but please if you can donate blood. You never know whose life you will save!
- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136. Bring your own lunch and join us for Fellowship.



 Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue study When You Pray by multiple authors every Tuesday morning at 9:15,



- Church office will be closed February 19th for Presidents Day.
- Book Club Meets February 15th at 11:30 am in Room 130. February's book is The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict



• March Blood pressure checks will be held in-between services on March 3rd. In the Activity Center.





Ash Wednesday Worship
Service
February 14th, 2024
6:30pm



Ash Wednesday Feb 14th 6:30pm
Palm Sunday March 24th 8am and 9:30am
Seder Meal March 27th 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday March 28th 6:30pm
Good Friday March 29th 6:30pm
Easter Sunday 6am, 8am, and 9:30am



Grief Share Support Group

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them. This support group is led by Kay Pealstrom. She can be contacted at: kay.pealstrom@gmail.com

Kay is the resource for registration, information on obtaining materials and sharing the zoom information for the session. The support group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:30am-10am. New class starts January 20, 2024.

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DivorceCare Support Group

A new DivorceCare Support Group will begin Wednesday, February 21st. This group will be facilitated by Pastor Adriana in room 136 at 6:30pm.

DivorceCare is a support group that meets weekly. Participants will find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see the group as an "oasis" in an otherwise difficult season of life. This 13 week group includes video seminars, group discussions and a personal workbook.

It Is Time For Some Prayer Connection!

This is a two-hour workshop on the power of prayer and improving upon each of our own connection with God through prayer. Rev. Tina Rees and Pastor Adriana will be leading the workshop. A light continental breakfast will be available.

Who can attend? Absolutely anyone! We will explore different types of prayer and building your own spiritual toolbox to make a greater connection.

Our hope is to have a large group to add into the discussions. Please feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to the workshop.



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



February Calendar of Events 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		West No.	ineschy m 133	1 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30	2	3Grief share Saturday mornings at 8:30-10:00am on Zoom
Communion Sunday 11am Bible Study	5	6Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15	7 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible	8	9	10 GRIEF SHARE
11 11am Bible Study	12	13Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15	14 Chat N Chew Noon Ash Wednes- day Service	15 _{Book} Chub	16	17 Prayer Connection Workshop 9:30am
18 11am Lent Study	19 _{Presi-} dent's Day Church Office Closed	20 _{Tuesday} morning Bible study 9:15	21 Chat N Chew Noon Lent Study 6:30 28Chat N	22	23	24
25 11am Lent Study	26	27 _{Tues} Morning Bible 9:15	Chew Noon Lent Study 6:30	29 _{Leap} Year!!!!	Year Ver	ebruary 29

March Calendar of Events 2024



February Birthdays



Kristy Zinns	3
Jeff Martell	4
Mackensie Marshall	6
Marc Diaz	11
Carlene DuAmarell	12
Dorinda Johns	12
June Morrison 100th	12
Scott Ouellette	12
Katie Lane	13
Deanna Helland	18
Sharon Dalton	19
Glen Compton	24
Frederick Hartmann	25
Mathu Santosham	26
Ruby Jean Roberts	27
Elliott Fonza	27
Janelle Chiricuzio	28





February Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years
		Married
14	Terry and Bruce Bettis	20
14	Lindsay and Ted Lillie	3

