

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert June 2024



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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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

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

by appointment
only

Attendance
April 28 to May 26
total in church 1046

Virtual viewing 634

Graduates 2024

Adeline Compton

- High School Graduate
- Chandler High School in Chandler, AZ
- Summa Cum Laude
- Adeline plans to attend the **University of Arizona** in Tucson to study Architecture
- Proud Family: Glen, Jan, and Harris Compton



Alicia Hemingson

- High School Graduate
- Highland High School in Gilbert, AZ
- 4X Golden Scholar
- Alicia plans to attend **University of Arizona** and study Statistical and Data Sciences
- Proud Family: Jeff, Jeni, Larson, and Ty Hemingson



Ariana Pack

- High School Graduate
- Highland High School in Gilbert, AZ
- Ariana plans to attend **Mesa Community College** to study Science
- Proud Parents: Karla Mascarenas Pack & David Pack, and brothers : Dylan & Zander.



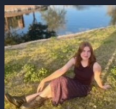
Brooke Sheahan

- High School Graduate
- Queen Creek High School
- Next- Plans on attending Cosmetology School
- Proud Grandparents: Ed and Pam Stressman (Parents: Tim and Kristi Sheahan)



Elise Williams

- High School Graduate
- Perry High School in Chandler, AZ
- Elise plans to attend **Arizona State University** to study Interior Design
- Proud Mom: Debbie Munn



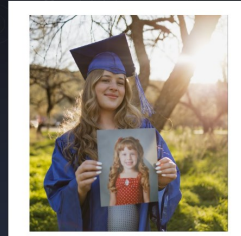
Hailey Houseman

- High School Graduate
- Leading Edge Academy in Gilbert, AZ
- Video Production Program at EVIT
- Hailey plans to attend **Chandler-Gilbert Community College** and study Business
- Proud Parents: Alex and Scott Houseman and siblings Alyssa, Evan, and Ty



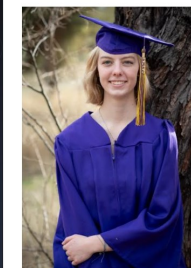
Kalia Carpenter

- High School Graduate w/ Honors
- Mesquite High School in Gilbert, AZ
- Kalia plans to attend **Northern Arizona University** and study Business Management
- Proud Family: Keith, Taleen, Michael & Tyler Carpenter



Maddy Paap

- High School Graduate
- Gilbert Classical Academy in Gilbert, AZ
- Salutatorian
- Maddy plans to attend **Northern Arizona University** and study Environmental Sciences and Sustainability
- Proud Family: David, Shayla, Victoria, and Abby Paap



Maggie Siegel

- High School Graduate
- Corona del Sol High School in Tempe, AZ
- Career Technical Education Culinary Student of the Year, Rho Kappa, and NHS
- Maggie plans to attend **University of Nevada Las Vegas** to study Hospitality
- Proud Family: Leslie, Matt, Molly, and Morgan Siegel



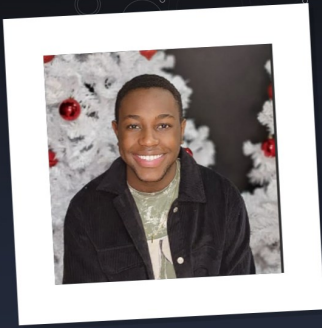
Sean Wyatt

- High School Graduate
- Perry High School in Chandler, AZ
- Sean plans to attend **Chandler-Gilbert Community College** to study Computer Science with an emphasis on Video Game Design
- Proud Mom: Kelly Wyatt



Israel Mutach

- College Graduate
- Arizona State University
- Bachelor's degree in Architecture
- Proud Family: Divina, Samantha, Magaly, Signory, Isiah, and Francoise



Jordan Nwalor

- College Graduate
- Chadron State College
- Bachelor's degree in Science with a Major in Chemistry and Minors in Business and Human Biology
- Jordan plans to attend Dental School and to scale his online business called "Nwalorfit"
- Proud Parent: Njideka Nwalor



Katelyn Johns

- College Graduate
- Northern Arizona University
- Bachelor of Science in Fitness Wellness
- Proud parents: Jim and Dorinda Johns



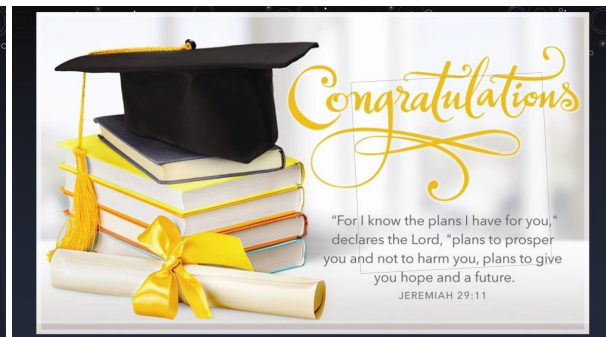
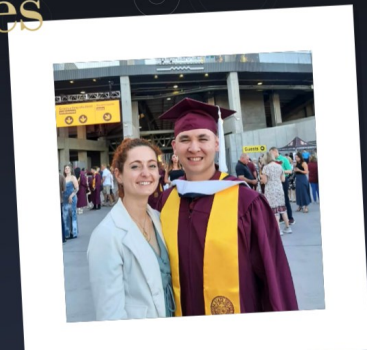
Reagan Metz

- College Graduate
- Northern Arizona University
- Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Music Minor.
- Reagan is looking forward to being an Elementary school teacher in Johnson City, Tennessee in the fall



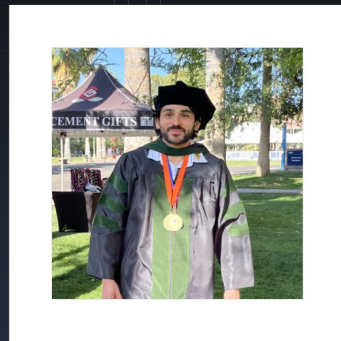
Mike McKinley and Kristi Stiles

- College Graduates
- Mike completed his Master of History at Arizona State University
- Kristi completed her Master of Strategic Public Relations at George Washington University
- Proud Parents: Tom and Linda McKinley (Mike's parents)



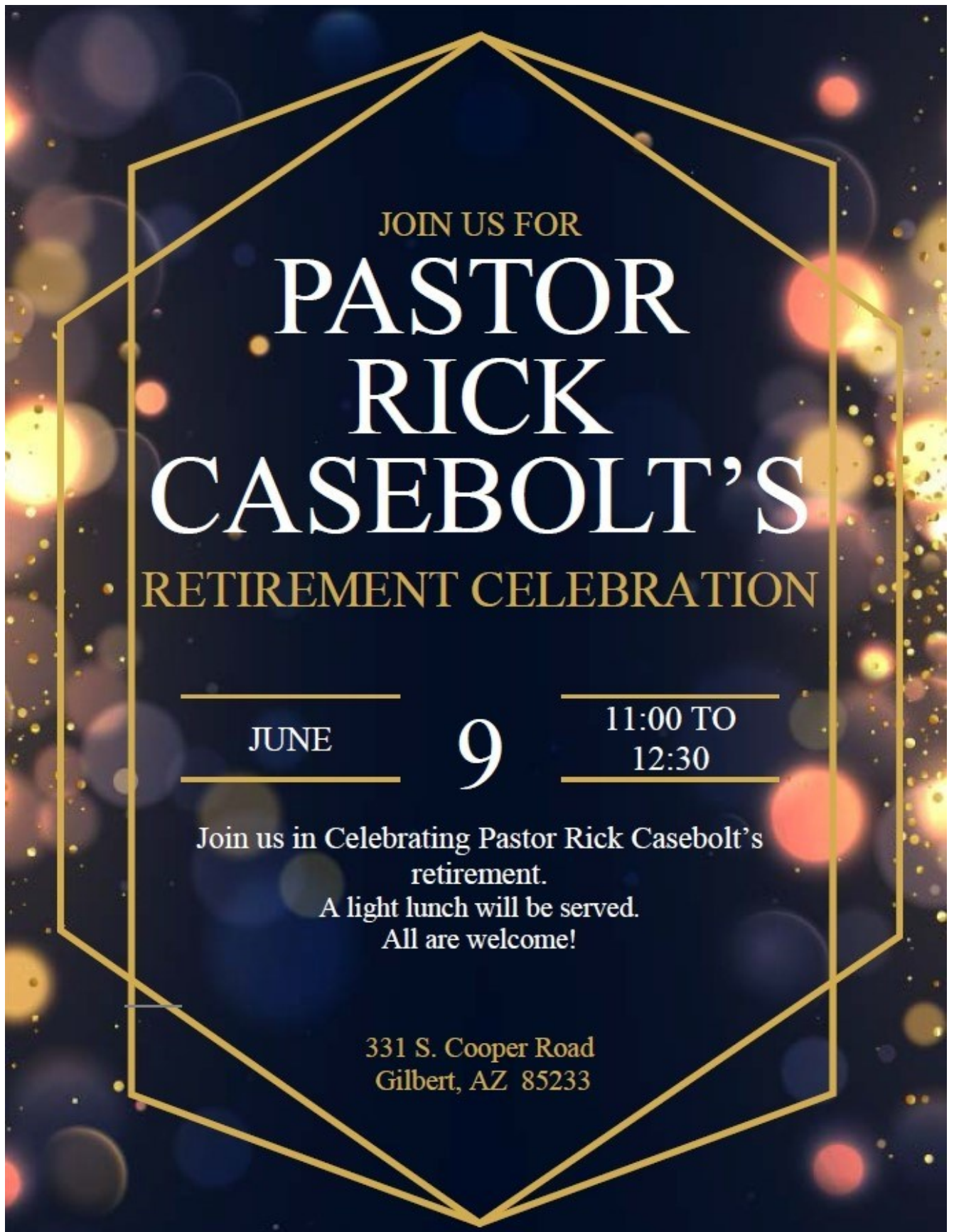
Dr. Thomas James Granado

- Doctorate
- University of Arizona College of Medicine
- Dr. Granado plans to start his residency at Rush in Chicago this summer
 - Internal Medicine Specialty
- Proud Mother: Adriana Hernandez



Graduates 2024

Pastor Rick's Retirement Celebration



Special Charge Conference

A Special Charge Conference was held on Tuesday, May 21st. All three agenda items were approved.

The first item approved is a Renovation Committee to oversee scheduled and future projects. The next scheduled project is the updating of the restrooms in the Activity Center. Agreed Renovation Committee members are Rev. Kristin Hansen, Therese Pineda (Trustee), Mike Tremain, Laurel Redman, Gary Covert (Finance), and Dan Founza. The voting on this one was all approved with the exception of two abstains.

The second agenda item approved is the pay increase for the new incoming pastor. This was unanimously approved.

The final agenda item approved was the creation of an Endowment process here at First Gilbert. The team has worked hard to define the guidelines. This team is comprised of Bob Chuk, Tom Bristow, Gary Covert, Vicki Hanson, Jim Hall and Gary McGrath. This was also unanimously approved.

Vacation Bible School

The Children’s Ministry team is all geared up to START THE PARTY! Vacation Bible School starts Monday, June 3rd. Please check back in the July Evangel for photos and an update. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this fun week!



June Missions Update By Joyce Steiner



In April, I participated in a memorial service for my brother-in-law. I gave the opening prayer. It began with me imploring God to “be unto us like a mother hen is to her chicks.” Yes, I asked God to gather us beneath God’s mothering wings so as to provide us solace in our time of grief.

God mothers us in many other ways: by giving us shelter from the storms in our lives; feeding us spiritually; helping us to stand when we have fallen spiritually; giving us encouragement, providing cause to laugh when our hearts are heavy. Sometimes the mothering comes from reading the Bible, hearing a sermon, singing a hymn or taking communion. Sometimes, the mothering comes through other people. Today I am praying for Baby Haddon and family.

Missions work is about God using us as instruments of love through which people in need receive divine mothering. God gave us compassionate hearts so that we will be bothered by the suffering of others and thus want to help relieve their suffering. We are bothered by the plight of homeless women, so this year we donated 108 purses containing personal care items. This we did so that homeless mothers could receive a Mother’s Day Gift. We are bothered by people dying from heat-related causes so we are beginning to collect bottled water to be donated to a hydration station in the Phoenix area. God tugs at our heartstrings by making us aware that many children at Gilbert Elementary School are in need of school supplies. We let the children experience God’s mothering love by giving them school supplies. We know many of those same children often get hungry in the afternoons. This also tugs at our heartstrings because we know hungry children find it hard to concentrate. Hence, we channel God’s mothering love by providing them with healthy snacks. (Information about these projects is available at the Missions Table in the Courtyard.)

I am told that the children are very appreciative of our gifts, but also puzzled by our willingness to help address their needs. They asked one our committee member, Elice, who delivers the snacks, why we would want to help them. The answer is easy. They are God’s children. By loving them through addressing their unmet needs, we help them become all that God intends for them to be.

Thanks all of you for your compassionate hearts and your willingness to follow the prompting of your hearts to be like a mother hen to those in needs.

Blessings,
Joyce, Mission Team Chair

Summer Mission Projects



Our church continues to support the children of Gilbert Elementary School. We are collecting funds for Trapper Keepers, school supplies and snacks. This annual drive helps funds of assistance that lasts the entire school year. We will be collecting for this project June 16—July 21. School begins July 23rd!

Missions team is collecting bottled water for distribution to local Cooling Centers. As temperatures in Arizona jump into the 100+, homeless people seek Cooling Centers for hydration and care. Bottled water can be dropped off at church on any Sunday in May—July.



Adult Ministry Studies

Seamless by Angie Smith

Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story

We continue this Bible Study in June. Angie Smith's Seamless offers us a study on the people, places, and promises of the Bible. She ties them together into the greater story of Scripture. Class is led by Pastor Adriana Hernandez on Sundays at 11am in person in room 136. This class will meet on June 2nd and June 16th.

Creed by Adam Hamilton

This bible study held at Sunrise Assisted Living Center will continue in June meeting on the 4th and the 18th.

The Adult Ministry Team is meeting in June to plan out studies starting in August. If you have any suggestions, please contact Pastor Adriana.

Pastor Adriana contact at PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org

Adult Ministry

Music Ministry and Youth Opportunities

Contact Shayla Paap at youth_ministry@gilbertumc.org



Many of you know the Chiloquin community from our work most recently in 2019. **SSP has hosted over 2,500 volunteers in this community since 2004!**

Members from the [Klamath Tribes](#) primarily live in the small town of Chiloquin, 30 miles north of the city of Klamath Falls. The Klamath Tribes include Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin. **Our services are open to the entire community.**

We encourage all volunteers to watch the short 22-minute film '[Killing the Klamath](#),' which addresses the **Klamath Tribes' fight to save the sacred C'waam and Koptu fish and a dying lake.**

Praise Band Musicians Needed

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

Contact Our Music Director
randallvanderpol@gmail.com



2024 Mingus Mountain Summer Camps



Session Options at a Glance

Most weeks, we offer concurrent sessions so, hopefully, there's a little something for everyone! Check out the session options here and read descriptions in the area below. For details about sessions, you may contact Jonathan Gowan, Asst. Director, at jonathan@dscumc.org or call the camp phone: 928-649-5949.

Sessions you see **struck-through** have filled or online registration has closed; if it is still before that camp session, contact Emma Gowan, Office Admin, to seek if there is room for your camper/s at egowan@dscumc.org or 928-719-6162 (call/text).

Please note: If approved by the director, campers can only be added to closed sessions until 4:30pm the Friday before said session.

Session 1: June 17-22

Elementary I

Jr. High I

Jr. High Adventure: Local AZ

Session 2: June 24- 29

Elementary Camp II

Jr. High Camp II

Sr. High Adventure: Beach Camp

Session 3: July 1-3

Grand & Me Camp

Session 4: July 8-13

Jr/Sr High Night Owls

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Registration Info

Online registration is now OPEN!

Standard Camps:

-Early bird: Jan. 1-March 31: \$455

-Standard Rate: \$494

Specialty Camps (early bird rates unavailable):

-Grand & Me at Mingus Mountain: \$247

Jr. High Adventures: Local Arizona Fun: \$525

-Sr. High Adventure: Beach Camp: \$595

•A non-refundable, \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration to complete and submit a registration for summer camp. Camp balances are due 2 weeks before said camper session/s.

•Registration for each session of camp closes **7 days prior** to the start date of each camp session at **5pm**.

•Director discretion may apply to extend registration on a case-by-case basis.

Contact Emma Gowan, Office Administrator, at 928-719-6162 (call/text) or egowan@dscumc.org if you have any questions about registration.



Children and Youth Camp Opportunities

Make every
day awesome



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, June 2nd




7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Activity Center - 331 S. Cooper Rd., Gilbert, Az

To schedule an appointment, visit vitalant.org (Enter Blood Drive Code: P1AH2) or scan the QR code. For questions, please contact Darlene and Gary Whitlock at (785) 806.2327

When you donate June 1-30, you'll receive a \$10 gift card. PLUS, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of five \$5,000 gift cards. Donor Rewards Program opt-in required for \$10 gift card. No opt-in required for giveaway.



For more information or to schedule a donation, call **877.258.4825** or visit vitalant.org. Find us @vitalant:   

vitalant. 

What is the Congregation Care Program?

Pastors and church leaders genuinely want to care for people in their congregations and communities. But pastors cannot care for an entire church, and most laypersons don't have the training to do it. [The Caring Congregation Ministry](#) is a model for person-to-person care that's been proven to work in small and large churches across the U.S. It is a laity-centered ministry, where laypersons receive rigorous training and then are commissioned to serve as Congregational Care Ministers, caring for others in their own congregation and their extended community.

This remarkable approach to congregational care was first developed by Karen Lampe and her team at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, in Kansas City. It has been tested, refined, and strengthened, and is now being adapted in all sorts of congregational settings.

Here at First Gilbert, we have an active and trained group that provides home-bound communion, hospital visits, phone calls, and home visits. The team is led by Anita Broughton. The team includes Pastor Adriana, Tom Bristow, Janelle Chiricuzio, George Dailey, Gayle Disch, Valerie Kellogg, Susan Libbert, Joyce Steiner, and Kathy Tremain.

If you are in need of support please reach out to the church office or anyone on the team. The team is trained, have compassionate hearts, and are prepared to offer you support during a challenging time.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you have a gift for crocheting prayer shawls, we could use your help! In particular, we are in need of shawls for babies, children and men. Your design, your talents, and your time is greatly appreciated for this ministry. Completed shawls can be dropped off at the church office. There are tags that can be placed on the shawl so the recipient knows who created and prayed over the shawl for them.



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 started May 4, 2024; however, you can join at any time.



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



www.gilbertpreschool.com



FUMC of Gilbert Preschool



Gilbert preschool



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Last Month in May:

During our last few weeks of school, we enjoyed a beautiful end of year performance in the sanctuary. Our "Under the Sea" theme was a lot of fun! The children sang songs for their loved ones, recited their favorite bible verses, watched a slideshow that included all the students in the school and then enjoyed a special treat in the Activity Center.



Preschoolers also shared a beautiful spring morning together with their moms! Muffins with Mom was a big hit! All classes shared muffins and fruit in the grassy courtyard and the children gave their mothers a special gift that they had made. Everyone had a wonderful time together!

Registration for 2024-2025

At this time we still have openings in our Pre-K classes and only a few spots left in our 3's. 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

****Enrolled students will receive an email in late June 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

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 taste-safe)

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:

1. 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.

2. Move to a large bin or tray

Pour your moon sand into a large bin or tray for indoor or outdoor play

3. Add toys and play!

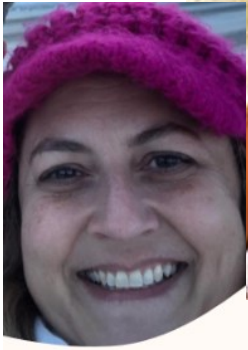
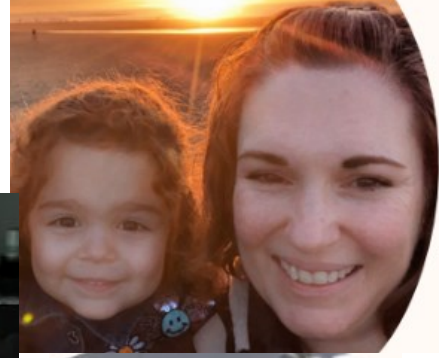
You can use this as a fun sensory experience all on its own, or add tools or toys to a bin or tray for play. When playtime has ended, store your moon sand in an airtight container to play with later



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

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day

2024



Thank
you



Children's Ministry



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

Thank
you



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

June 2nd- Youth Group- Helping with VBS Prep

June 3-7, VBS- Youth Volunteers Needed

June 8th- Youth Baking Day

June 9th- Pastor Rick's Retirement Celebration, after church

June 16- Father's Day, No Youth Group

June 17th-22nd (or 24th-29th) Mingus Mountain Summer Camp

June 23- TBD

June 30- July 6 SSP, Sierra Service Project

July 7- New Pastor (Dr. Rev. Kristin Hanson) 1st Sunday

July 14th-TBD

July 21st- TBD!



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

June's book is Walk the Blue Line
by J.Patterson and
M. Eversman

Nyra will review of this
non-fiction book which was
published in 2023.

The Book Club will meet
June 20th at 11:30 in
Room 130.

July's book will be Ghosts of Honolulu
by Mark Harmon & Leon Carroll

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

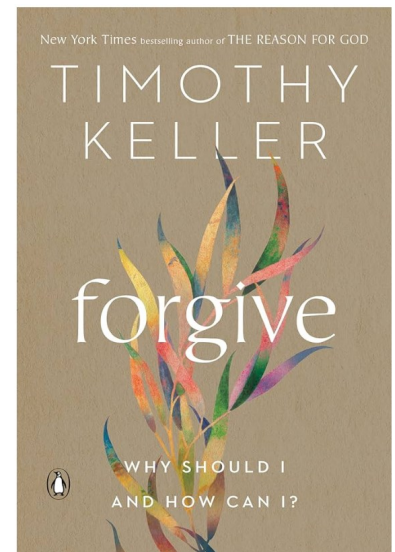
Join us for this weekly study Forgive by Timothy Keller
including a video, discussion and self study. Starting June 11th at 9:15am social time
9:30a-11:15a study time. If nursery care is needed please contact Sonja Ruhland.

Pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller outlines the
reasons why forgiveness has to be a central part of everyone's lives.

"To err is human, to forgive divine," has long been aspirational. But our
complicated modern world has questioned the benefits of forgiveness.
Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to
play in our lives, and shows readers how and why
forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world.

Forgiving anyone in a meaningful way is one of the hardest things a person
can do. If you do not forgive, resentment and vengeance
consume you. It is impossible to move past transgression without
forgiveness, but few people have the resources and the tools to forgive
others fully and move on with their lives. Forgiveness is an essential skill, a
moral imperative, and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be human.
In Forgive, Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in de-
tail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing either justice or your hu-
manity.

Contact Sonja Ruhland at
Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com








Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events

- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136. Bring your own lunch and join us for Fellowship. 
- VBS will meet daily June 3rd to Jun 7th 9AM to Noon. Come and join the Fun!
- Christian Women's Fellowship will not meet June because of VBS2 it will return August 1 in room 130 at 9:30 am 
- Grief Share meets on Zoom every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am, Please sign up with Kay at Kay.pealstrom@gmail.com. You can join anytime. 
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study will come back June 11 with the new study Forgive by Timothy Keller, Please join us, we start at 9:15 a.m. 
- Book Club June 20th at 11:30 am in Room 130. June's book is Walk the Blue Line by J. Patterson and M. Eversman. 
- Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Rick's retirement, June 11th in the Activity Center from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Church office will be closed July 4th to celebrate Our Independence Day.
- Our new pastor Kristin Hanson first day in the pulpit will be July 7th, her first day at First United Methodist Gilbert will be July 1st.

Upcoming Opportunities

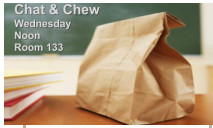










June Calendar of Events 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>2 Communion Sunday 11am Bible Study</p>						<p>1 Grief share Saturday mornings at 8:30-10:00am</p>
<p>9 11am Bible Study Pastor Re- retirement Celebra- tion in Activity</p>	<p>3 VBS 9- Noon June 3-7th</p> 	<p>4 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 OFF VBS 9- Noon</p> 	<p>5 Chat N Chew Noon VBS 9- Noon</p> 	<p>6 VBS 9- Noon</p> 	<p>7 VBS 9- Noon</p>	<p>8</p> 
<p>16 11am Bible Study Father's Day</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Tues Morn. Bible 9:15</p> 	<p>12 Chat N Chew Noon Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>13 Annual Conference</p>	<p>14 Annual Conference</p>	<p>15 Annual Conference ends June 16th</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Tues Morning Bible 9:15</p> 	<p>19 Chat N Chew Noon Bible Study 6:30 Juneteeth Day</p>	<p>20 11AM Book Club</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15</p> 	<p>26 Chat N Chew NOON Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>						

July Calendar of Events 2024

Calendars



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 firstday for new Pastor	2 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15 	3 Chat N Chew Noon Study 6:30	4 Church office closed observance of Independence Day	5	6 Grief share Saturday mornings at 8:30-10:00am on Zoom
 7 Welcome New Pastor Communion Sunday 11am Bible	8	9 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15 	10 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible	11	12	13 
14 11am Bible Study	15	16 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15 	17 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night study	18 Book Club 11:00 	19	20
21 11am Bible Study	22	23 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15 	24 Chat N Chew Noon Study 6:30	25	26	27
28 11am Bible Study	29 church office closed for Memorial	30 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	31 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible			

May Birthdays



Debby Munn	1
Betty Walker	2
Vicki Hanson	3
Therese Pineda	3
Heather Ford Martin	4
Gary Whitlock	4
Ashley Scharff	7
Keith Carpenter	11
Rilie Farley	12
Sylvia Moore	12
Karen Coleman	13
April Daughtery	15
Christie Dorf	15
Ed Stressman	19
Hannah Becker	20
Linda Martell	21
Richard Anthony	22
Gayle Disch	22
Rena Huitema	22
Kalia Carpenter	24
Darlene Whitlock	24
Nicholas Diaz	25
Kingston Gardour	25



Karla Romfo	28
Larson Hemingson	30



Date	Sweet Couple	Years
03	Laura and Dan Boever	29
03	Darlene and Gary Whitlock	63
07	Sue and Jim Reeves	58
09	Cindie and Jason Rempel	23
14	Therese and Albert Pineda	28
19	Chris and Craig Thompson	53
24	Judy and Tom Bristow	58
24	Jeanne and Larry Randolph	52
25	Glenda and Bill Warren	47
30	Linda and Tom McKinley	38



Birthdays / Anniversaries