

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

July 2024



Church office will
be closed
July 4th in
observance of
Independence Day

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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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Gilbert, AZ 85233
480-892-9166

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

Attendance
June 2 to June 23
total in church 689

Virtual viewing 415

About Pastor Kristin

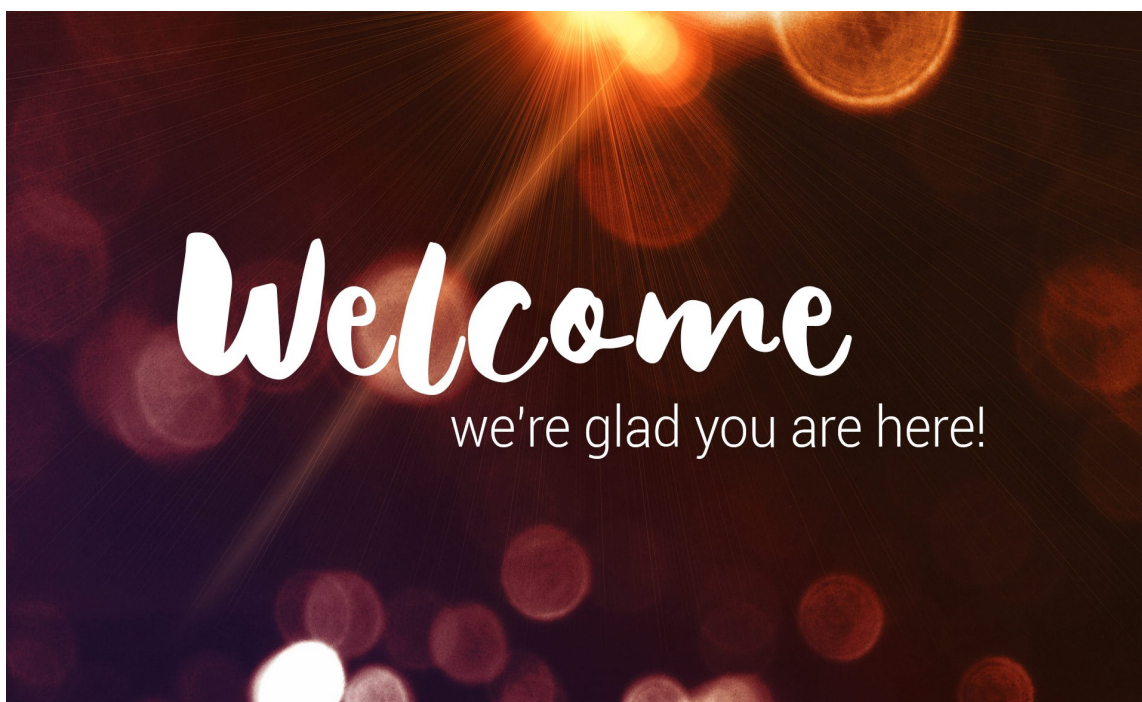


Kristin grew up mostly in Indiana but was born in Germany while her dad was in the Army. As he transitioned out, they lived in Georgia, Michigan, and Indiana. In college she studied for a year in Prien Am Chiemsee, Germany, at the Goethe Institute and in Austria at the University of Vienna. Then after college she lived in Mansfield, Ohio; back to Anderson, Indiana; and out to San Francisco, California. Of course now she lives in Arizona with her husband Christian, daughters Heidi and Anna, and step-daughter Danielle. She spends most of her time traveling from one good thing to the next, starting new adventures, and publicly contemplating what is most important in life.

She graduated from Anderson University and School of Theology and completed her Doctor of Divinity at George Fox in Oregon with Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet with her specialty in innovation and risk in business and religion. If you want to be really official, you can call her Rev. Dr. Kristin D. Hansen. But she does prefer Kristin or Pastor Kristin.

A couple of favorites:

Laughing, sci-fi shows, yoga and walking, cactus (*or cacti), languages, video gaming, state fairs, singing, making mistakes and learning from them, fireworks, deep conversation, new experiences, and eating gluten-free.



Meet our new members. Please welcome them when you see them on campus



Alison Wayland comes to us from Asbury UMC in Phoenix. She loves art, graphic design, web development, meditation, sound therapy camping watching movies and taking road trips. She is eager to help us get our web page updated with pictures and the like.

Adeline Dorthy Fonza and Elliott Raymond Fonza were baptized on May 19th. Their Mom and Dad are Kristen and Daniel Fonza who joined last year



Meghan Christine Hamblin was also baptized on May 19th. Meghan lives in Queen Creek and sings in our choir. She is the daughter of Marcy and James Hamblin who are also from Queen Creek and have been attending regularly.

First UMC of Gilbert will be establishing an Endowment Fund in Pastor Rick Casebolt's Name

The Endowment Fund will help assist in the furthering of ministry at First UMC of Gilbert as well as in the Gilbert community (undesignated funds).

Donations will be accepted through July 15, 2024.

To donate:

- Check / Cash – Note on your donation “Pastor Rick Casebolt Endowment” ·
- Online - Home | Donation/Payment (myvanco.com) –
- o Select “Pastor Rick Casebolt Endowment”

Questions – Call the office.





Vacation Bible School 2024





2024 Vacation Bible School

Mission Update July 2024! By Joyce Steiner, Mission Chair

Summer has officially arrived accompanied by seriously high temperatures. As a result, vulnerable people (elderly and homeless individuals) are at significant risk for heat related illness or even death. We as a church are helping to address this problem by holding a water drive and then donating the water to one of the heat relief stations in the network created by the Arizona Interfaith Network.



There are other simple ways to assist in heat relief.

- Search for “Sustainable and Accessible Ways to Keep Cool” to reach the flyer by that name. It provides useful tips on how to keep cool in the event of a power outage or the need to use air conditioning sparingly.
- Become a cool caller. The program, once it is launched, has volunteers check on vulnerable community members via telephone during the heat season. If you would like more information, notify Katie.Sexton@azfiathnetwork.org.
- Distribute copies of the” Heat Relief Flier.” It lists cooling centers, informs readers that pets are welcome, and explains how to access free transportation. Highlight that information (at the bottom of the page) so it is does not get overlooked. To reach the flier, search for “Support AFN's Heat Relief Program.” Scroll past the heading “Take your Outreach on the Road.” Continue to the fourth line of the paragraph beneath the heading. Finally, click on “Heat Relief flier.

For More ideas search for “Support AFN Heat Relief program.”

On a very local level, we could use some help delivering water to these local Heat Relief centers. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Steiner or Pastor Adriana to help with these deliveries.

Trapper Keeper Drive

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!

Snack donations of cups of Mac 'n Cheese (just add H₂O), Cheez-Its, Goldfish, Fruit Snacks, Gatorade, Water, Granola bars, Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts, Peanut Butter-filled or Cheese-filled crackers. Please note that all food items must be individually wrapped. Our church gives to Gilbert Elementary school all year long! Stock piling on these snacks at the beginning of the year is greatly appreciated.



Adult Ministry Studies

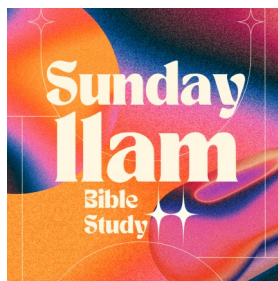
Choir Sunday School

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. This Sunday School class is on hiatus over the Summer. More information to come on the start up date.



Sunday 11am Bible Study

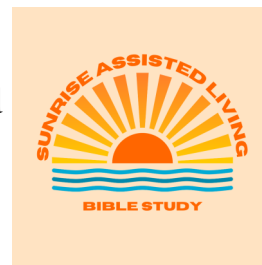
Sundays at 11am in room 136, this Bible Study is open to everyone and anyone who would like to join in. The class is led by Pastor Adriana. The class is currently on hiatus and is set to restart on Sunday September 8th. The plans for the upcoming “school year” of Bible study is to focus on the four gospels. Below is the tentative schedule for this class:



- September 1—October 13: Matthew The Gospel of Promised Blessings by Matthew L. Skinner
- October 20—November 24: The Gospel of Mark by Amy-Jill Levine
- December 1—December 22: Advent study, TBD
- January 5—February 23: Luke Gut-Level Compassion by Lisa Harper
- March 9—April 13: Lent study, TBD
- May 4—June 8: The Gospel of John by Amy-Jill Levine

Sunrise Assisted Living Center

This Bible Study meets twice a month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center on Tuesdays at 9am and is led by Pastor Adriana. Although primarily for the residents at Sunrise, know that you are welcome to join in. The residents LOVE visitors. It is a great way to extend the hospitality of our church. The class will start up again in September. The first study is Why?: Making Sense of God’s Will by Adam Hamilton. The plan is to meet on 9/3, 9/17, 10/1 and 10/15 at the center.



There is so much more in the works! More updates to come.

Rick's Retirement Celebration





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.**



Sierra Service Project 2024 from First UMC of Gilbert

First of all Sarah (Sage) Butler is training right now to be a leader as the project begins on she will one of the leaders.

Gilbert will be one of the first groups to do this project. We have nine in

all going they are :

- Adam Butler
- Cindie Rempel
- Ethan Rempel
- Maddy Paap
- Shayla Paap
- Victoria Paap
- Isaiah Harris
- Dylan Ramos
- Janelle Chiricuzio

You can write them notes send them a care package or just send a letter to them at:

c/o Sierra Service Project
First & Last Name
General Delivery
Chiloquin, OR 97624

United States postal only No delivery of ups or fed ex



www.gilbertpreschool.com



FUMC of Gilbert Preschool



Gilbert preschool



@gilpreschool

ABC for Preschool Families

A Always read a bedtime story... and a mid-morning story, when the kids aren't too tired! If they want to read the same story over and over, then follow their lead and go for it! If they want to "read" the book and it's not completely accurate, it's ok! Let them pretend to read!

"As your young child listens to stories, he learns that all good stories have a beginning, middle, and end. He also learns to predict, based on the book cover, what the story will be about, as well as what might happen next or how the story will end. Young children learn that there are characters in stories and a particular setting (where and when it takes place). Your child will enjoy comparing the characters in a book to him/herself and to other real life people he knows." Adapted from www.pbs.org

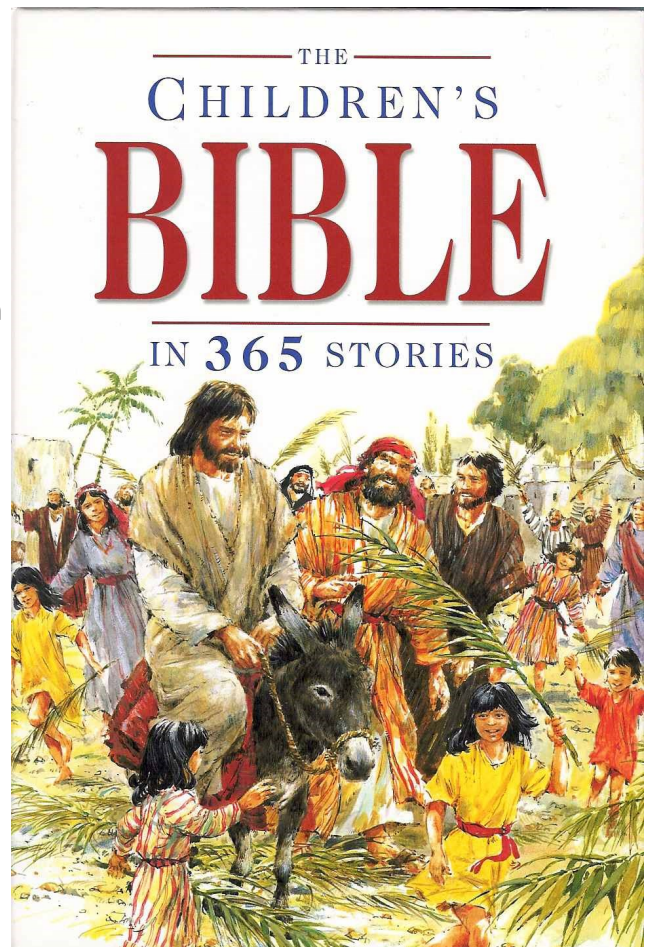


B Bible Stories and Verses are important! Invest in a children's bible. There are many to choose from at the Christian book stores. Choose one with lots of pictures. That will make it interesting and memorable for the preschoolers. Choose one bible verse a week to talk about and memorize. Our church offers one a week through the Sunday School program, or choose one that is meaningful to your family. Here are some ideas to get you started:

"Love your neighbor as you love yourself"
Luke 10:27b

"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with JOY" Psalm 126:3

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." James 1:17



C Compare Objects and Investigate! Three and four-year-olds approach the world with great curiosity and use their imaginations to help understand it. Hands-on explorations help them to separate reality from fantasy. Encourage preschoolers to ask and answer questions about how, why, and what if...?

Find some fun Inquiry based Science activities at: <http://www.education.com/activity/preschool/science/>

For some family/parenting topics: <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting>

Pre-K classes still have openings! Please let your friends and neighbors know!

We hope you are enjoying your summer! If your child is enrolled for the 2024/25 school year you will be receiving a welcome email from their teacher soon.

Check out our website at www.gilbertpreschool.com or 480- 892-9166 for more info.

Open House for 2025/25 school year: Thursday, July 25 5:00-6:30pm



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.

July 2024 Children's Ministry What's Happening?



From all 150 VBS children and Volunteers we could not have done this years Vacation Bible School without you!

Gilbert First UMC

You are the Greatest and Best Congregation ever!



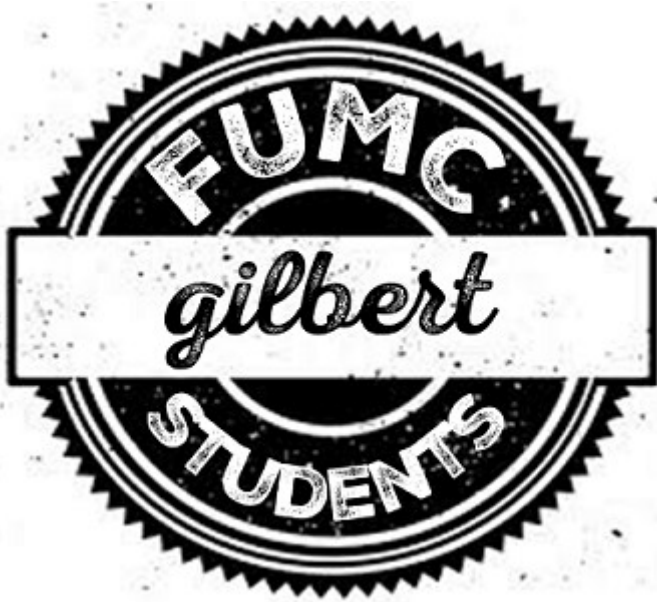
Weds Wilds at 6:30pm
in room 205 Kinder-6th
graders. Register online

On our website.

We need this to be prepared for the
children please.

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 Ms. Cindie

Thank you to all the youth volunteers we
could not have done VBS with out your
help!



Write the youth and chaperones who are on the Sierra Service project from this
church. The address is :
c/o Sierra Service Project
First & Last Name
General Delivery
Chiloquin, OR 9762

United States postal only No delivery of ups or fed ex



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

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

June 23- Sunday School

June 24th- Lake Day!

8am Carpool from Church, 9am Canyon Lake

June 30-July 6 (Approximate dates) SSP, Sierra Service Project

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

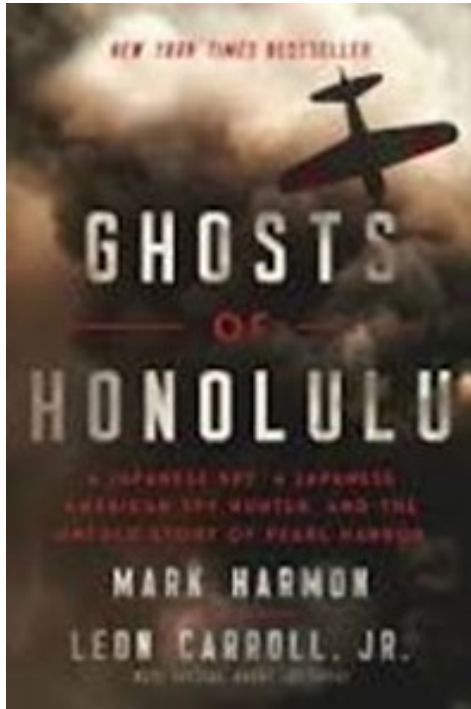
July 14th-TBD

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

July's book will be The Ghost of Honolulu

By Mark Harmon Leon Carroll

Helen will review of this Historical book which was published in 2023.

The Book Club will meet July 18th at 11:30 in Room 130.

August's book will be Tim Lake

By Ann Patchett

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us for this weekly study Forgive by Timothy Keller

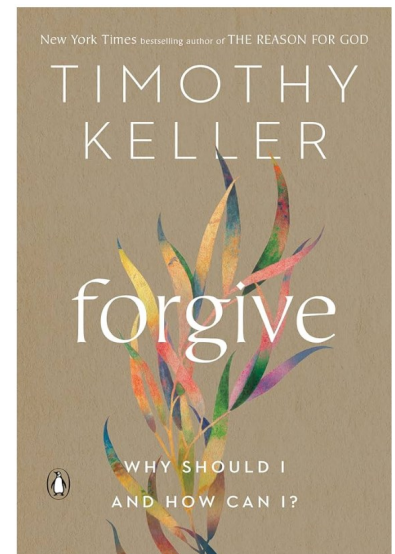
including a video, discussion and self study. Starting June 11th at 9:15am social time 9:30a-11:15a study time. If nursery care is needed please contact Sonja Ruhland.

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 detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing either justice or your humanity.

Contact Sonja Ruhland at
Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com



Mark your calendar for these other upcoming event

- Please Welcome Pastor Kristen Hansen
- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136. Bring your own lunch and join us for Fellowship.
- Christian Women's Fellowship will meet in room 130 at 9:30 am
- Church office will be July 4 for Independence Day. Proudly fly your flag to remember those who served and died to keep us free!
- Grief Share meets on Zoom every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am. Please sign up with Kay at Kay.pealstrom@gmail.com. You may join at any time.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue study the summer book is Forgive by Timothy Keller.
- Book Club May 16th at 11:30 am in Room 130. July's book is The Ghost of Honolulu by Mark Harmon and Leon Carrol.
- Sierra Service project 2024 will leave for the Oregon project on June 30th and will return July 6. Please pray for them for safe travel, good lessons, and for those that they are helping, may they be blessed.



Upcoming Opportunities

CASING CROWNS

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

PRESENTED BY 



AUGUST 9



Desert Southwest Chapter Programs & Services

A guide to support individuals, families, and friends impacted by dementia

People with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their families and friends can feel overwhelmed, but no one needs to go on this journey alone. We offer a variety of free programs, services, and resources to help cope with all aspects of the disease and its progression.

24/7 HELPLINE

Call **800.272.3900**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to speak confidentially with a Care Consultant. These professionals provide support, information about Alzheimer's and related dementias, guidance on care options, help with planning for the future, coaching for family members, strategies to address safety concerns, and referrals to local resources. Support is free of charge and offered in over 200 languages.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support Groups provide a forum to share feelings, concerns, information, and learn new skills. The Desert Southwest Chapter offers over 50 support groups, in English and Spanish, across Arizona and southern Nevada. All of our support groups are facilitated by trained individuals and meet at various locations and times. Most groups are for family and friends supporting a loved one with dementia, but there are also groups designed specifically for individuals with early stage dementia. Call 800-272-3900 or visit: alz.org/dsw/supportgroups to find a group near you.

EDUCATION

Our educational programs increase awareness and knowledge about Alzheimer's and related dementias. Session topics include an introduction to the disease, addressing behavioral challenges, long-term planning, and much more. Almost all of our educational presentations are offered in English and Spanish. Call 800-272-3900 or visit: alz.org/dsw/education for more information.

EARLY STAGE

Early Stage programs provide a variety of education sessions and activities designed to actively engage, empower, and encourage individuals with Early Stage Alzheimer's and their care partners. Call 800-272-3900 for more information.

FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINING

The Alzheimer's Association's Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder training is a free online course to prepare first responders to respond to common calls involving a person with dementia. For more information, call 800-272-3900 or alz.org/firstresponders



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 May 4, 2024.



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.

Caring for Others

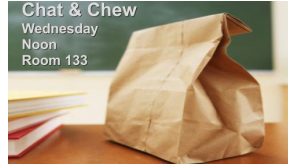
Here at First UMC Gilbert, we have a vibrant team that prays, visits, and supports those who need support and care. Many of us are taking care of others within our family or neighborhood. Thank you for all you do! We are called to love our neighbor. That love comes in different forms. If you are in a season of taking care of a loved one, this is a friendly reminder that you are loved and that this season is one that God is taking care of you.

We can not serve others when our own body and spirit feels tired and out of energy. Please find time to practice self-care. In the Bible there are some prime examples. Jesus found times of solitude time to pray and replenish. "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7. Praying for you to find time for a peaceful walk, listen to music, or a cup of tea with a friend. Please reach out if you need additional support!



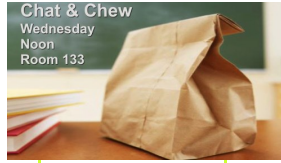
For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org or 480-892-9166

July Calendar of Events 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	3 Chat n Chew Noon	4 Church office closed for Independence Day-	5	6 Grief share Saturday mornings at 8:30-10:00am On zoom	
7 Communion Sun.11am Bible Study Pastor Kristin Welcome	8	9 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	10 Chat N Chew Noon	11	12	13
14	15	16 Tues Morn. Bible 9:15 	17 Chat N Chew Noon Bible Study 6:30	18 11AM Book Club 	19	20
21	22	23 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	24 Chat N Chew Noon Bible Study 6:30	25	26	27
28	29	30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15 	31 Chat N Chew NOON Bible Study 6:30			

August Calendar of Events 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



4
Communion
Sunday

5

6 Tuesday
Morning Bible
Study 9:15



11

12

13 Tuesday
morning Bible
study 9:15



18

19

20 Tuesday
morning Bible
study 9:15



25

26

27 Tues
Morning Bible
9:15

7 Chat N
Chew
Noon
Wednesday
Night Bible

14 Chat N
Chew Noon
Wednesday
Night study

21 Chat N
Chew Noon
Study 6:30

28 Chat N
Chew Noon
Study 6:30

1 Christian
Women's
Fellowship
9:30



8

15 Book
Club 11:00



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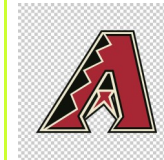
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23

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3 Grief share
Saturday mornings
at 8:30-10:00am
on Zoom

10



17

24

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July Birthdays



Patricia Baker	2
Deborah Lester	2
Sini Ouellette	3
Sarah Butler	3
Jeni Hemingson	11
Kristen Fonza	17
Ruth Heer	17
Samantha Mutach	17
Shayla Paap	17
Stacy Cantwell	19
Tyler Houseman	21
Ronald Dalton	22
Linda McKinley	22
Divina Katching	23
Tom Bristow	24
Julie Curran	24
Scott Houseman	24
Garin Campbell	27
Sue Reeves	29
Kay Pealstrom	29



Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
02	Ruby Rosemond and Joe Taylor	54
04	Lori and Rev Bill Van Dam	48
20	Melissa and Randy Van Der Pol	28
21	Alexandra and Scott Houseman	24
22	Joyce and Dwight Metcalf	35
26	Anita and Ernie Broughton	49
26	Britany and Daniel Murphy	16
28	Beth and Kevin Boesch	23
28	April and Seth Daugherty	17



Birthdays / Anniversaries