

The Evangel

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

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Sunday Worship

8am Traditional Service
Children Sunday School
Nursery
9:30am Blended Service
Nursery
Streamed via Facebook & You Tube
Children Sunday School
Youth Sunday School

Join us in the Activity Center after each service for coffee, munchies, and fellowship.

October Highlights



Rev. Dr. Kristin Hansen will lead us in worship with a new sermon series called "Do Unto Others." Each week you will be prompted to focus on an individual word of the week. Our weeks will be centered on kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

Worship is every Sunday at 8am and 9:30am. The 9:30 service is streamed, it can be seen via Facebook and YouTube. You are always welcomed to join us in the Activity Center for light refreshments and fellowship before and after the services.



Family Promise is a local non-profit agency that partners with churches to provide temporary housing as families work towards securing their own place to live. First Gilbert is excited to host two to four families for one week. We will have Family Promise families on the church campus from October 20th—October 27th.

Volunteers are needed to provide dinner, be overnight hosts, laundry, room set-up, and room clean-up. This Mission team will be in the courtyard on Sunday mornings to sign you up or answer any questions that you may have. You can always call the church office and talk with Tom Bristow and Pastor Adriana. There will be a volunteer meeting on Sunday October 13th at 11am in the Activity Center for pizza and to review the upcoming Family Promise week.



The Trustees have been working hard coordinating the current renovation of the Activity Center bathrooms. Thank you for your patience as the bathrooms have been closed. Very excited for the completion of this project by the end of this month. Keep an eye out for additional updates. The Activity Center has become a hub for local sport teams, scout programming, and potlucks. There is excitement for the improvement of these bathrooms from the many people enjoying the Activity Center.



Halloween brings out great decorations, costumes, candy, and fun! Here at First Gilbert we fill the parking lot and courtyard with TRUNK OR TREAT! This event invites the community to come and do some trick or treating in decorated car trunks, food, cake walk, and bouncy fun. The event is on Halloween from 6pm-8pm. We always need some support through volunteering for the event, making a donation or donation candy, individual small bags of chips or water. Help us have fun with 700 of our closest neighbors!!

There will be a volunteer meeting on Sunday, October 27th right after the second service.

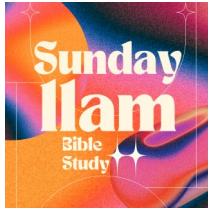
Upcoming Adult Bible Study Plans

Contact the church office with any questions or interest in any of these studies or activities. Church office phone number is 480-892-9166.

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.

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 next study is The Gospel of Mark by Amy-Jill Levine. This study will begin October 20th and will go until November 24th. No need to sign up, just come to class!

Support Groups

GriefShare

GriefShare online groups are held on Saturdays from 8:30am-10am. Contact Kay Pealstrom at kay.pealstrom@gmail.com for the online information. First Gilbert is also hosting two Surviving the Holiday online session. This is for those navigating through grief that may need some additional support during the upcoming holidays.

Caregiver Devotional

On the first Friday of each month, join in this devotional that is geared towards those who are taking care of others. A brief thirty minute time of conversation and prayer to share the challenges and joys of ministering to others as a care giver. For the zoom information, contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org. All are welcome.

One of the best ways to connect is Family Camp!

November 9th-11th 2024

First Gilbert is joining Day Spring UMC for fun at Mingus Mountain. There will be separate retreat cabins but everyone can come together for meals and activities. There will be plenty of space for everyone. This is a multi-generational opportunity.

Contact Shayla Papp (youth@gilbertumc.org) to make sure you are included in the headcount. youth@gilbertumc.org



Celebrate Each Other: Life's Milestones

Birthdays

Landon Bottesch	3
Diana Ouellette	9
Adriana Hernandez	10
Robyn Oswald	11
Kelly Wyatt	12
Kristin Hansen	17
Trevor High	18
Jan Compton	20
Jo Goslar	20
Jeff Hemmingson	20
Benjamin Smith	21
Sean Wyatt	21
Daniel Fonza	22
Pam Stressman	23
Alice Van Orden	23
Conner Johns	24
Kenneth Brooks	25
Betty Larson Shaw	26
Brandon Sy	26
Charlotte Hazelrigg	27
Ron Mason	30
Diane Rymer	30
MaryEllen Chuk	31

Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
03	Lori and Jim Wilkins	37
06	Pat and David Baker	45
07	Carrie and Peter Mueller	17
10	Vicki and Steve Hanson	15
11	Janelle and Eli Chiricuzio	21
13	Diane and Michael Crann	36
19	Teri and Kevin Becker	33
21	Janet and Dan Bose	23
22	Deanna and Steve Helland	41
25	Jeannie and Trevor High	16

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