

The Evangel

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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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Sunday Worship

8am Traditional Service
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.

Worship with Us !

In August, we continue with the sermon series, “Worship and Rejoicing.” This is a worship series about worship. Something we take for granted or perhaps just take it at face value as it is prepared and delivered each week. This sermon series focuses on the components of worship; Call to Worship, Call to Confession, The Weight of the Word, Prayers, and Benediction. Explore the history, context, theology, and words that create our liturgy, music, and rhythms of worship.

All of us arrive to worship with different needs. Worship may help us feel connected to God, we may ask God for healing, or to acknowledge our blessings. Whatever the reason, our prayer is that the worship experience feeds your soul and spiritual journey. Here at First Gilbert, we have two services. The 8am is a traditional and the 9:30 is a blended service. There is a Nursery provided for both services as well. In both services, we are fortunate to have a robust and passionate music ministry. Over the summer months, we have individuals within our church share their music gifts through song.

First Gilbert’s Music Ministry includes the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band and special collaborations. If you have a musical talent you would like to share, please reach out to Marilyn Harter for the Bell Choir at marilynharter@gmail.com (this is not a typo, it really is gmail) and Randy Van der Pol at randallvanderpol@gmail.com for the Choir and Praise Band. Practices for the Praise Band are ongoing, the Choir and Bell Choir practices begin again in August 18th. Please know that new people are welcomed at any time of the year!

Praise Band

Musicians

Needed

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

Contact Our Music Director at randallvanderpol@gmail.com



Janelle Chiricuzio Director of Children's Ministry

Janelle has been on the church staff team the longest! She has been serving First Gilbert since 2011. Janelle started working in the nursery and became the Children's Director in 2016.

Janelle loves being a small part of the big picture of a child's faith journey. "Being able to share the great love of the creator of the universe to kids is a joy and an important piece of this ministry." She also loves encouraging parents and teachers.

Janelle loves to read with a steeping cup of tea! She also loves to travel and has a heart for mission work. Her favorite verse is James 1:2-4, "Count it all JOY, my brothers and sisters, when you face a trial of any kind; For the testing of faith produces endurance and let endurance have its full effect so that you may become full and complete lacking in nothing."



Summer Mission Team Update 2024

Thank you for your generous support! Here is an update on our current summer projects.

Our church collected 2,696 bottles of water. Almost 2,000 went to the **Salvation Army**. The remaining bottles went to the **Arizona Faith Network**. Both of these organizations operate Heat Respite Centers. These centers provide relief from the Arizona high temperatures, offer food, showers, and resources. The Trapper Keeper drive was also a success. Sixty-two Trapper Keepers were delivered to **Gilbert Elementary School** last month.



Collections continue of snacks for Gilbert Elementary school. This is a year round initiative of First Gilbert. The team works with the school's social worker to help provide food and supplies to children in need at the school. Snack donations of cups of mac 'n cheese (just add H2O), Cheez-Its, goldfish, fruit snacks, Gatorade, water, granola bars, Pop Tarts, peanut butter filled or cheese filled crackers. Please note that all food items must be individually wrapped. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or in the "Mission Donation Area" which is on the left hand side as you enter the Activity Center.

Praise God for all the efforts for our community this summer!

Contact Joyce Steiner at acatmother@gmail.com



Gilbert Preschool offers a Christian early childhood learning program with strong academic content in reading, writing, science, and math. We are a licensed preschool with educated and loving teachers.

Our preschool has a Pre-Kindergarten and Three Year old class. There are options to attend two, three or four days a week. The church campus enjoys the laughter and joy of children from 9am to 12pm.

The new school year began on July 29th! We gladly welcome prayers for a safe, happy, and successful school year.

If you have any questions at all, please

Children's Ministry—FIRSTKIDZ

We value each child and family that comes to First United Methodist Church of Gilbert! FIRSTKIDZ is a special place designed for kids from six weeks through 6th grade. We believe each child is created to have a relationship with God and with unique talents and abilities to influence their world and community. We are dedicated to helping each child become a deeply devoted child of Jesus!

FIRSTKIDZ meets on Sundays at 9:30am.

- Preschool— in room 144
- Kindergarten—3rd Grade in room 205
- 4th—6th Grade in room 204

If you are here on a Sunday morning for worship, there is information about Children's Ministry at the "red" welcome cart.

Youth News (7th—12th Grade)



The Youth Ministry of First Gilbert consists of an authentic group of students who embody community and a team of adult leaders who are heavily invested in discipleship. Our mission as a Youth Ministry is the same as the mission of the church: *to lead people of all ages on a journey of becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus.*



reach out to Preschool Director Lisa DePalma (pictured on the right). Preschool Director's Assistant is Ellie Koenig (pictured on the left).

The website is www.gilbertpreschool.com and the phone number is 480-892-9166. There also is a great virtual tour on the website! You can check out the rooms and programming.



Janelle Chiriczio is the Director of Children's Ministry and she can be reached at childrenministry@gilbertumc.org. Our church website has information on programming and registration.

August 2024, the kids use a Cooking Show theme to explore how wonderful we are made, not because of the ingredients but because of who made us. The older kids take a Dive Deep into learning how God is here to help us make good decisions and grow in wisdom.



Shayla Papp is the Director of Youth Ministry and she can be reached at youthministry@gilbertumc.org. Youth leaders are Cindie Rempel and Ron Mason.

Youth meet on Sunday at 9:30am.

- Jr High in room 200
- Senior High in room 201-202

Sign up for Youth News! This email newsletter provides information on activities, service efforts, and upcoming event. To receive the Youth News please contact Shayla at youthministry@gilbertumc.org or call the church office at 480-892-9166.

Contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org

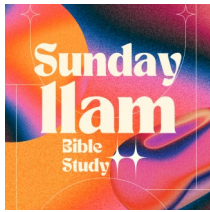
Upcoming Adult Bible Study Plans

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

Sunday 11am Bible Study

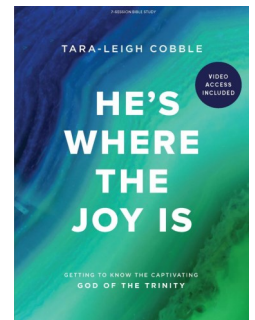


Sundays at 11am in room 136, this Bible Study is open to everyone and anyone who would like to join in. The class is led by Pastor Adriana. The class is currently on hiatus and is set to restart on Sunday September 8th. The plans for the upcoming “school year” of Bible study is to focus on the four gospels.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

- September 1—October 13: Matthew The Gospel of Promised Blessings by Matthew 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

Tuesday Morning Women’s Group

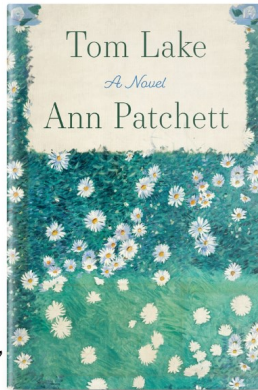
This small group meets weekly in room 130 on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15. It is an amazing balance of friendships, support, spiritual expression, and a themed study. The next study begins, August 6th! The study is **He’s Where the Joy Is** by Tara-Leigh Cobble. Join this 7-session study as the author breaks down the intimidating doctrine of the Trinity. Understanding God's three-in-oneness and each of the Persons of God individually—Father, Son, and Spirit—will lead you to deeper intimacy with God and greater joy in knowing Him!

A graphic for the Caregiver Devotional. It has a white background with abstract brushstrokes in gold, pink, and orange. The text is centered and reads: "Caregiver Devotional", "First Friday of each month, beginning September 6th", "Via Zoom, 8:30am - 9:00am", "Devotional and Words of Encouragement for those who are taking care of their loved ones.", and "Contact Pastor Adriana at 480-892-9166 or PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org to obtain zoom information."/>

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BOOK CLUB CORNER

AUGUST 15, 2024
11:30AM ROOM 130



Next Month's Book, Meeting
9/19/24 @ 11:30am
"The Librarian of Burned Books"
by Brianna LaBusken

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

SATURDAYS AT
8:30AM-10AM
VIA ZOOM

Contact Kay Pealstrom for
Information to Zoom Link
and Group Materials

kay.pealstrom@gmail.com

All are welcome!

You can join anytime.



Dinner for 8

We are excited to start Dinner for 8, version 2024. One family per week hosts a dinner. You can sign up to be their guests! A dinner in a casual setting is a wonderful way to get to know other people that worship here. An evening of laughter, fun and great food!

More information of specific dinner plans will be on the patio starting in mid-August. The link to sign up will also be in upcoming eNews weekly emails. These small groups offer a great connection and support.





August Birthdays

Joyce Steiner	2
Joyce Brown	3
Michael Clark	3
A.J. Harris	3
Angela Mittner	4
Marty Province	4
Brian Fischer	5
Joyce Metcalf	5
Stan Gill	9
Jason Rempel	9
Bill Warren	10

Richard Cantwell	11
Bruce Bettis	12
Ricky Zeilstra	12
Gunter Scharff	14
Garry Disch	16
Kathy Tremain	16
Chris Thompson	21
Pam Turner	22
Linda Hartmann	25
Jim Wilkins	25
Signory Mutach	27
Janet Bose	29
Michael Crann	30
Jimmie Galvin	31

August Anniversaries



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

“A good marriage is where each partner secretly suspects they got the better deal.” - Unknown

Celebration of Life

Wanda Christopher graduated to glory in June. She has been a member of First Gilbert since 1974. Her family is celebrating her life on Saturday, August 3rd at 10am. Everyone is welcome to the service and to a luncheon immediately following the service.

