

# The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert  
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January 2025



## 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.

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## Worship Service Plans

Epiphany Sunday  
January 5th

Baptism of the Lord  
January 12th

New Sermon Series!  
"You Got a Friend in Me"  
January 19, 26 February 2 and 9



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# January News

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## Meet Casey, Our New Operations Manager

I was born in Connecticut but grew up mostly in Indiana. I moved to Arizona in the early 2000's and graduated from Queen Creek High School. Afterwards I attended Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA where I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Mathematics and Quantitative Economics. After graduation I began working at Charles Schwab as a broker. In 2012, I moved to the Chicago suburbs and worked as a Financial Consultant Assistant until 2015. During this time our first child, Cooper, was born and upon deciding to move back to Arizona to be close to family I decided to move to part-time work to be able to spend more time with him. After a short stint as a Real Estate assistant, I took the job as Accountant at Gilbert United Methodist Church.



I am married to a wonderful husband and we have 3 beautiful children. Cooper was born in 2014 and enjoyed almost 10 full years as an only child. In 2023, our second son, Davis, was born and then in 2024 we welcomed our daughter Emerson. It has been quite the adjustment for all going from one kid to three in a short time, but we are enjoying it!

In my spare time I enjoy reading and make it a goal to myself to read 100 books a year. This includes both physical copies and audio books. While I will read almost any genre, my favorites are historical fiction and thrillers. We also enjoy a monthly Euchre game with our friends, and I just so happen to be 1/2 of the reigning family Euchre championship team.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for participating in our Gifts of Hope for children/youth living in foster care and for our Senior Santa program. As a church we donated 30 gifts and several door prize baskets chock full of goodies to the Gilbert Senior Center and 55 amazing gifts for children/youth. Thank you so much for blessing all of these children and seniors this Christmas season.



## Upcoming Blood Drive

First Gilbert has partnered again with Vitalant to host a Blood Drive on Sunday, February 2nd from 7am to 11am. You can register a time to donate using the provided QR code. However, it is also set up to take walk ins. This is a n amazing way to support the community at large. The Blood Drive is held in the Activity Center.



## Church Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

### Are You Interested in Confirmation?

Confirmation Classes begin in January! The schedule dates are noted below. Please reach out to the church office with your email address and a google doc registration can be sent to you.

Confirmation Save the Dates:

Sunday Jan 12th 3-6pm

Sunday Mar 2nd 3-6pm

Sunday Jan 26th 3-6pm

Sunday Mar 30th 3-6pm

Sunday Feb 9th 3-6pm

Sunday Apr 6th 3-6pm

Sunday Feb 23rd 3-6pm

Friday-Sunday May 2nd-4th Minguo Retreat

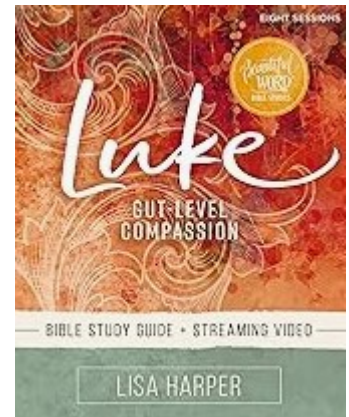
There are possible daytime event during sometime week of March 10-14.

Confirmation Sunday is May 11th 9:30am Service

If you do not have a confirmand to sign up, but you would like to be a mentor for one of the confirmands please let us know.

### New Sunday 11am Bible Study Begins

A new study, Luke, Gut-Level Compassion by Lisa Harper begins January 12th. The study will meet every Sunday at 11am in room 136 (near Preschool Office) until February 9th. This study is about the great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke. Perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. In fact, this riveting account reveals that Jesus is especially fond of ragamuffins in need of a safe place to lean in and linger. Lisa harper explores the literary masterpiece that doesn't celebrate the elite, but embraces the outliers, outcasts, and overlooked. This study is open to everyone! No preregistration required.



# Celebrate Each Other: Life's Milestones

## Birthdays

Hayley Vallera	01
Doug White	01
Heidi Bullock	03
Jeff Martell	04
Katie Kimbrough	07
Pam Campbell	08
Nate Van Der Pol	09
Elaina Harwick	10
Samantha Schleiger	11
Dorinda Johns	12
June Morrison	12
Scott Ouellette	12
Heather Ball	18
Deanna Helland	18
Sharon Dalton	19
Glen Compton	24
Rick Hartmann	25
Elliot Fonza	27
Janelle Chiricuzio	28



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