

Circuit Rider



A monthly publication of the First United Methodist Church of Glendale

October 2015



Sunday Worship Schedule for October 2015

October 4: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Suffering Makes Perfect Salvation...

Read: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:10-12

October 11: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

From Never to Forever: How to Get Eternal Life

Read: Mark 10:17-22

October 18: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Laity Sunday – Gene Dameron preaching

Every year, United Methodist Churches designate one Sunday to be planned and led by the Laity. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our Lay Leader, Gene Dameron, and to participate as leaders. Our denomination and church are blessed by the amazing leadership among laity. Please make every effort to attend and show your support! I know you will be blessed!

October 25: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

United Methodist Women Sunday – Judy Cleaveland preaching

Does your Quiet time with God have you excited about sharing the love of Jesus?

Read: Mark 6: 30-34; Mark 6: 53-56 and Psalm 89: 5-18

Every year United Methodist Churches designate one Sunday to be planned and led by members of the United Methodist Women. The United Methodist denomination and our church are blessed by these wonderful women! Please make every effort to attend and show your support; again, I know you will be blessed! —Pastor Kim

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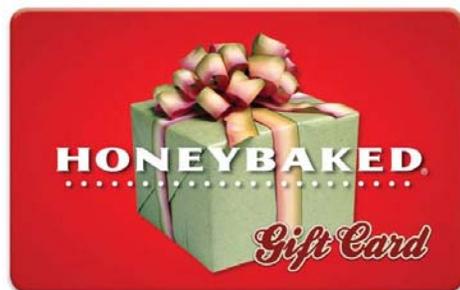
Sunday Schedule

8:00 am (Lay-led Communion) • 9:00 am Worship • 11:11 am Worship

10:10 am Sunday School Classes for all ages

Rev. Kim Gladding, Senior Pastor





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Capital Campaign Committee. Our church will receive 20% of the purchase price and everyone who purchases a gift card will receive a \$5 off coupon. You can order any denomination card \$10 or more, and you will have your card within a week of your order. Why not help yourself and our church by purchasing a gift card prior to purchasing your holiday ham or turkey breast? See Ted Turner or David Mosley, or call the office for more information.

Save the Date!

*United Methodist Women's
Annual Christmas Tea*

*Saturday, December 5,
2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall*



Update on the "Imagine No Malaria" Campaign

In our August Circuit Rider newsletter, there was an article about the United Methodist Church's goal to raise \$75 million for "Imagine No Malaria," a global health initiative to greatly reduce the number of deaths caused by malaria transmitted by mosquitos. Locally, the Desert Southwest Conference set a goal of \$2 million, and has raised \$1.9 million so far. Our church had set a goal of \$5,000, and we needed nearly \$700 more to reach that pledge.

With the special offering on August 9, through your generosity, First Glendale collected \$1,165 for Imagine No Malaria. That amount has been sent to the conference office, and our total giving for this fund is \$5,492, nearly 10% above our goal. Thank you so much for your support of this important campaign!



Matthew West with Francesca Battastelli

Saturday, October 10th

Grand Canyon University Arena
3300 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ
Doors 6pm Show 7pm

Ticket Information at
www.extremefaitheproductions.com
Or call the box office directly at 602-639-8999

Advertisements can be annoying, particularly those marketing GEICO... I don't know how successful they are, but if the quirky ads get me wondering if *15 minutes could save [me] 15% or more on car insurance*, they have succeeded! Still, I find these ads more irritating than motivating.

But one insurance ad has touched my heart from the first time I saw it! I actually like watching it! It's the State Farm commercial titled "*Never*." It begins with a man vowing to his friends at a party, *I'm never getting married!* Suddenly, he's choosing a diamond ring. While stuck on a plane next to a screaming child the newly married couple agrees to *never having kids*. Next she's in labor! The *nevers* continue... *We're never moving to the suburbs!* *We're never getting one of those!*

(a minivan). And finally, while scrubbing colored marker pictures from the walls he says, *WE'RE NEVER HAVING ANOTHER KID!* *I'm pregnant*, she says, as she carries a loaded laundry basket up the stairs. Next while snuggled together and asleep on the couch he says, *I'm never letting go!*

State Farm reminds the listener: *For all the nevers in life, State Farm is there.* State Farm is certainly not like God, but doesn't this phrase capture who God is and what God is like? God is always there, even, and especially through all the *nevers* of our lives. When we vow *never to do that again*, and do it anyway, God is *always* ready and willing to love us in spite of our broken promises. When we say a person will *never amount to anything good*, God stays close

From Never to Forever

By Pastor Kim

and reminds us that we too have fallen short. When we say we can *never* love our enemies, Jesus invites us to the table of grace and forgiveness. Through all the *nevers* in life, God is there for us. And if we trust and believe, God will help us move from *Never* to *Forever*, where you and I will believe beyond what we can see, trust in that which we cannot know for sure, and love in ways we *never* thought possible. Suddenly, we will find ourselves living in God's kingdom, and we'll see life differently. Peace and joy will reside in our hearts and lives, no matter what comes our way.

Striving with you, to *never* forget,



Church Ministry Celebration & Barbecue—Sunday, October 25

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 pm for an all-church barbecue celebrating the ministries of Glendale 1st! Come hear the stories of how God is working through us to make a difference for others. The United Methodist Men will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and others will be providing all the fixings, including dessert. Use the enclosed insert to RSVP by October 15th. Your RSVP is important, because we need a head count so we know how much food to prepare. See you there!

News and Notes

For more information, contact the church office 623-939-1409, or rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com

In Praise of Pumpkins

By Craig E. Sathoff

Pumpkin bars and pumpkin bread
And spicy pumpkin pies
Pumpkin puddings, pumpkin cakes—
Oh, how they appetize!

The pumpkin is a cinch to grow:
Just three seeds to a hill,
The hills about three feet apart.
Five hills should reap your fill.

A lack of rain when blooms come on
Just might decrease your crop,
So get the hose and help them out
For harvests that are tops.

A jack-o-lantern is a must
When Halloween draws nigh;
So pick a pumpkin extra large,
Carve mouth and nose and eyes.

Then give to him a happy smile,
A really charming grin;
But remember what counts most,
my friend—
The light that glows within.



Walk-a-Thon Saturday, October 24, 2015 10:00 am

Come one, come all—children, teens and adults—
for a walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 24.

We will walk the “mile of quarters” from Glendale Avenue to Northern Avenue. Get pledges block by block, and support the mile of quarters campaign. Pledge sheets will be available during coffee hour on Sundays.

Meet at the church at 9:45 am and wear your church t-shirt if you have one!

Charge Conference Scheduled for November 3

Our annual Church/Charge Conference date has been set for November 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm. (SPRC will meet with the District Superintendent at 6:00 pm). We will celebrate another year of ministry, set priorities and objectives for the coming year, embrace our ministry budget and confirm our leadership for 2016. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Your attendance is important, so mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Those chairing a team, board, committee or council will need to submit an annual ministry report. These reports are due in the church office by October 19; if possible, email them to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com. You may also fax your report to 623-236-9284.

Notes from the Missions Team...

We will be participating in **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** again this year. We hope to fill 100 shoe boxes with small toys, toiletry items and school supplies. We need help with donations for postage as well as buying items and putting the boxes together. Watch for more details in the church bulletins after October 15th. Everyone is invited to help with this project!



We are also beginning to look for volunteers to help with preparing and serving meals at the Watkins homeless shelter. This United Methodist Outreach Ministry (UMOM) shelter is one way we can work together with other valley churches and non-profits to help women and children living on the streets of Phoenix and surrounding communities. Our church prepares meals on the first Sunday of each month. Mission Team will have sign-up sheets available in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on Sundays or you can contact Gail Dameron or Jeanne Rumbold to let them know you want to help.

Report from Family Camp!

Family Camp at Lynx Lake near Prescott was a great way to spend Labor Day weekend. The clouds looked threatening but no rain fell on our campers! We enjoyed our time together; we had 42 people in camp on Saturday. Just wanted to say thanks to the people who made it all happen: Jeremiah Staats and Ken Weaver helped haul all our stuff up the hill and back home again; Debbie Sneddon and Rosie Miller pulled gear out of the youth complex, the kitchen and supply closet for the camp kitchen; Cindy Chrisman provided games and crafts for the kids; Paul Cleveland and Brian

Swanton helped transport kids who needed rides; Roberta Miller kept tabs on the internet to snag our reservation date and helped Rosie with the grocery shopping. We are grateful for all the families who came and hope you will all join us again next year. Young kids to seniors, we all had a great time. Special thanks to United Methodist Men for sponsoring the weekend and providing \$450 to cover the cost of groceries and supplies.





Time to Celebrate...

We are all invited to a celebration in honor of our favorite guitar player, Benny. It is a potluck that will be held at the Velma Teague Library on Monday, October 19, 11:00 am—1:00 pm.

The library is just across the street at 7010 N. 58th Avenue.

Please join us Sunday, November 1 during coffee hour to celebrate Lucy Fricker's and her 11-year ministry in the Brad Riner Assistance Office. Lucy is retiring as of October 31 and she will be greatly missed. Make sure to mark your calendars for November 1st; we will gather in Fellowship Hall between services for cake and other festivities honoring Lucy.

ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT FUMC

First United Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall

October 27

Know the 10 Signs (10:00-11:00 am)

This workshop is recommended for anyone interested in learning about the signs of Alzheimer's Disease.

Healthy Habits (11:00 am—12:00 pm)

Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

November 17

Dementia Conversations (10:00-11:00 am)

This workshop addresses the challenges associated with communication. It can be helpful for you to understand what changes may occur over time so you can prepare and make adjustments.

Holiday Tips (11:00 am—12:00 pm)

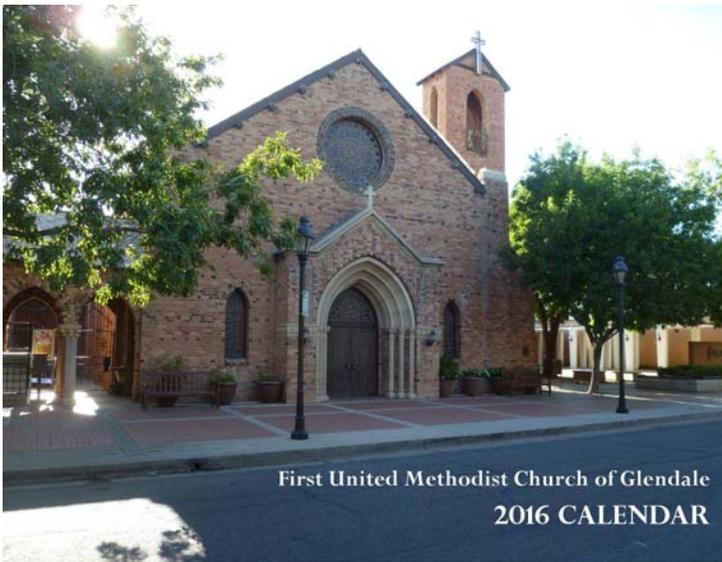
Holidays can be difficult for family and friends, as well as the person with dementia. This workshop offers helpful ideas for dealing with the holidays.

***No charge to attend. Registration is required.
For registration or questions, please call 602.528.0545.***

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Calendar Fundraiser

We want to remind everyone we need your help selling ads for our 2016 church calendar. This will be a beautiful calendar to raise money for the preservation and restoration of our beautiful church. Anyone and everyone can buy an ad. Individual members can also purchase an ad for any reason: "In celebration of ..."; "In memory of ..."; "In support of our church"; etc. Information on selling/purchasing an ad is available from the church office or on Sundays in the lobby.

Another way to help with this fundraiser is to put your special dates on the church calendar. We are asking for \$5 donations to place a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion in the calendar. Hurry to get your day—there is only room for one, or maybe two, commemorations per date. All donations will go to the Capital Campaign. Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.



Your Ad Here!

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. —Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Calendar Date: (mm/dd) _____

Occasion: _____

Name of Purchaser: _____

In case of questions:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please enclose \$5 for each date purchased. Thank you for your support of our Capital Campaign!

JUNE 2016

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- Laity Sunday, *October 18*
- Walk-a-Thon, *October 24*
- UMW Sunday & All-Church BBQ, *October 25*
- Church Conference, *November 3*
- Hanging of the Greens, *November 27*
- UMW's Christmas Tea, *December 5*
- Glendale Glitters Weekends, *Nov 27-28, Dec 4-5, Dec 11-12, Dec 18-19, Jan 9*

Note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day

Deadline for the November issue is October 12. Your items for the news-letter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm.
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