

Circuit Rider

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The Missions Team—Ministering to Others

The Missions Team has been busy this month. We collected purses for the women at the Watkins Shelter. Forty three handbags were filled with feminine and hygiene supplies and given to the women. It was overwhelming to see how the women reacted to a new purse and how surprised to see the items we added to the purses. Thanks to all the ladies who donated their purses. We will be doing this again in the fall.

One thing the ladies would like is sturdy shopping bags at least 15 x 15 inches or bigger. These can be purchased at the dollar store or other discount stores. These could carry their few belongings. Paper bags do not last very long.

It amazes me that for over 30 years a very small Missions Team has served the Watkins Shelter... that equates to about 30,000 men, women and children. Over 1,500 people have volunteered to cook, serve or drive the van. Over \$6,000 has been spent on food. These numbers are a conservative estimate! Our team has also filled over 500 shoe boxes for operation Christmas Child, with the gifts going overseas to the Phillipines and other places. That means we have spent over \$10,000 for this project.

How did we do all these things? With your donations, your time and your talents!

Let's not stop here! Volunteer to go with us to the shelter. We

Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

—Matthew 25:44-45

will feed the women on the first Sunday of the month. We take July and August off since so many go on vacation those months. If you would like to volunteer for the June 5th meal, please call Gail Dameron at (602) 828-7701.

Make good use—the best use—of your spare time by helping others. Come join the Missions Team!

—Gail Dameron, Chairperson
First UMC Missions Team



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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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

Teacher Appreciation Sunday, May 22

Do you know who teaches our children and youth on Sunday mornings – or who volunteers in our nursery? Have you ever attended an adult class on Sunday morning, or a short term class or workshop? No? Then come to the 9:00 or 11:11 am worship service on Sunday, May 22 when we will be recognizing the leaders in our education program. Perhaps you would like to bring a note of thanks to our teachers, or stop by and sign a poster that will be available before and after services.



2016 Annual Conference Mission Project

**We can do better than this
for foster care teens
who are aging out of the system**



Approximately one out of every nine youth in foster care are aging out of the system. This represents hundreds of young adults throughout the communities in Arizona, Nevada, and California. These youth have very few resources and few support systems. While there are organizations that are helping, one area where there is no support is move-in costs like filling the pantry with groceries for the first time. This year's Desert Southwest Annual Conference mission project is to fill these empty pantries with food.

Churches are invited to buy \$25 gift cards from their local grocery stores and to supply a favorite recipe with each gift card. Young adults aging out of the foster care system moving into their first homes will have their pantries filled with the UMC's love and perhaps their first dinner will include that favorite recipe. We will work with foster care organizations to set up delivery in our local communities. An organization list for both local and regional drop off points will be published soon. In the meantime, we know the generous spirit of our churches will begin as we collect recipes and gift cards.

Pray for the young people that are aging out of foster care. Pray for the facilities that are supporting them in their journey to become self sufficient. Then give to help stock their pantries.



A special "gift card" offering will be held on Mother's Day, May 8. Please bring a \$25 grocery gift card to church, or you may give any amount in a special offering envelope. If you have a favorite family recipe, please include that, too—we will make the copies! As always, thank you for your generosity and compassion!

Coffee Hour Hosts

We have made some changes to the Coffee Hour schedule for 2016. The following is the updated list for May and June 2016:

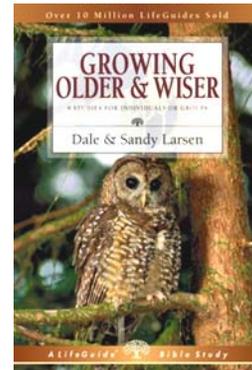
- May 1:** Capital/Finance Teams/Trustees
- May 8:** UMM (Mothers Day)
- May 15:** UMW (Esther Circle)
- May 22:** Brad Riner Office
- May 29:** Missions
- June 5:** Chancel Choir
- June 12:** HOST NEEDED
- June 19:** UMW Exec Board (Father's Day)
- June 26:** UMM

Including June 12, there are still some dates needing to be filled — if your group or committee would be willing to host one coffee hour, or one additional coffee hour, please call Rebecca in the office at 623-939-1409, or see Rosie Miller.



Adult VBS Study

You can't change the fact that you are getting older. And, indeed, you may not want to! Age brings many gifts and opportunities for continued growth. In nine study sessions, Dale and Sandy Larsen help you discover the Bible's perspective on aging. You'll discover how God can effectively and powerfully use those who have grown wiser with the passing years.



This study will be led by Judy Cleaveland during Vacation Bible School evenings June 6-10. If you would like to purchase a book, they are \$7 each. To sign up for the class, contact Judy Cleaveland at sunsjudy@cox.net or the church office, rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com.

Save the Date! Upcoming Family Activities

The City of Glendale is showing movies in Murphy Park on Friday nights. Two dates remain: May 6th (Frozen) and May 20th (Big Hero 6). Activities begin at 6:00 pm; bring blanket to sit on and enjoy the movies!

The City is also hosting band concerts in Murphy Park during June and July. Concerts are on Thursday evenings, starting at 8:00 pm. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy our community band programs. A special concert on Thursday, June 23rd will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the community band; June 30th will be a special patriotic music concert for the 4th of July weekend.

Are you a star gazer? There will be a free star-gazing party at Thunderbird Park on Saturday, May 14th, from 6:30-9:30 pm. Sunset that evening is at 7:22 PM. A local astronomy club will be doing a presentation and will have telescopes available to view the stars. Entrance to this activity is off of 67th Ave., just north of Deer Valley Road on Patrick Lane. Bring a chair!

We are looking for some volunteers to help put together some movie/fun nights during July for families to come and enjoy. Contact Rosie Miller if you would like to help plan these activities or write a note on your church registration card and put it in the offering plate. Would you be willing to provide a movie, make a snack, or plan some games?

Family Camp is coming! Mark your calendar for September 16-18. Family camp will be at Lynx Lake between Prescott Valley and Prescott. We've reserved the family/group campground again and invite everyone to come join us for a cool time in the pines! Watch for more information upcoming in your newsletters and/or bulletins!

Church News and Notes

For more information, contact the church office 623.939.1409 or rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com

CHARTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our Trustees are working on finalizing the lease agreement with PENSAR Academy to enable them to utilize space in our education buildings. Over the next 4 months, PENSAR will be painting and remodeling most of our Sunday School rooms to accommodate up to 150 students on our campus Monday-Friday beginning September 1. Your help is needed to clean out old materials and items stored which are no longer being used by our ministry programs. Room 101 will remain a general meeting room for our church committees and the nursery and Resource Room 204 will be retained for church use. The remaining classrooms will become shared space. Watch for more news as we learn the ins and outs of sharing space. PENSAR is hoping to use our site to launch their charter school and in 2 to 3 years have a large enough enrollment to build their own buildings. If you have questions or want to help clean out some of our rooms, contact Frank Warriner or come to the Trustee

Meetings, the first Monday of each month. Meetings start at 6:00 pm.

EVERY MEMBER IN SERVICE SURVEY

Thank you to all of you who completed the survey. A total of 27 surveys were returned. The data was compiled and shared with the committee leaders attending the Administrative Council Meeting on Monday, April 25th. The survey is a way for us to get input from all our members wanting to serve our church. If you would like to participate, survey forms are still available in the church narthex (lobby). The information will be helpful for the members of Nominations & Leadership Team who will be working on filling positions for 2017. Ideally, each member should submit one of these forms. We will be entering the information in our membership database so we can utilize our willing volunteers in areas they have expressed interest.

MINGUS CAMP REGISTRATION

We haven't received any requests yet for camp scholarships. If you plan to attend summer camp at Mingus, be sure to give us a copy of your registration forms, especially if you want financial assistance. The church has

limited funds. If your registration is late, we will not pay for late fees.

Please drop off completed registration forms at the office or e-mail them to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our regular Sunday School teachers like to take a break over summer so we are in need of some volunteers to cover for them during June, July and August. If you would like to help with this important ministry of our church, please contact Lisa Sanchez, our new Education Chairperson. You can volunteer for a month, the whole quarter or two Sundays or whatever fits your summer schedule. Come meet some great folks helping our kids learn about the Bible and what it means to be a Christian. Think back to your days in Sunday School- give thanks for your Sunday School teachers and be grateful for the opportunity to pass on that legacy to our children at Glendale 1st!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is scheduled for June 6-10. Our theme is CAVE QUEST and we will be learning about spelunking (cave exploration) and about all the marvelous

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2016 Lay Servant Ministries

Do you hear the call from God to serve your church in a position of service and leadership? Are you not sure you have the skills to do the best job? Do you wish there was some program that you could attend that would help you build the skills that would help you be a better Christian-based leader and servant? Then, the Lay Servant Ministries program may be for you.

Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) is a mission of the United Methodist Church. It is based on the principle that we are called to leadership and service. John Wesley was a strong proponent of using laity, members of the church, in key leader positions. But, to fill these roles, we need training, continued education and a support network.

LSM offers classes throughout the year that address the needs of new and long time leaders and servants through the course called "Basic Lay Servant Ministries." This course focuses on Leading, Communicating and Caring. After that course is taken, a large number of advanced courses are available that include a vast number of topics from how to lead prayer, how to teach Bible study, how to provide care and how to enhance stewardship. The classes are offered in a weekend format, starting on Friday evening from 6-9 pm and on Saturday from 8 am – 5 pm. To participate in "Basic", an endorsement is required from your Pastor or Administrative Board.

May 20-21, 2016 at Velda Rose UMC, Mesa

The Basic Course

You Can Preach!

July 29-30, 2016 at Chino Valley UMC

The Basic Course

God's Mission, Our Journey

For a list of all classes, and to register, please visit desertsouthwest-conference.org/lay-servant-ministries.

Vacation Bible School

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works God provides us here on Earth. We will meet in the evening for opening activities and a light meal and then proceed to a rotation of learning stations, including story time, science activities, games, etc. Then we head back to the Fellowship Hall for closing activities. VBS is open to all ages. Come one, come all and plan on having a great time - see you there!

If you want to be part of the adult Bible study at VBS, contact Judy Cleaveland by phone or e-mail so she can make sure she has enough books ordered. We will also be sending pre-registration forms to our families so we can get an idea of how many kids to plan for.

Completed registration forms received by May 31st will be entered into a drawing for 4 free AMC movie passes. Jeanne Rumbold is coordinating meals for us again this year. If your committee would like to help with a meal this year, please contact Jeanne.

United Methodist Women's News

Well, we are into spring, but it seems like we just celebrated the birth of the Christ child.

UMW didn't meet in January due to bad weather! No, not snow, but rain! Because of this, we had our "Souper" Supper in February and yummy soups were enjoyed by all who attended. The officers, for 2016, were installed by Pastor Gladding. The Pledge Service was conducted by a few of the members with President Vickie Moody in charge in the absence of our Treasurer, Karleen Miller.

The March meeting was the Call to

Prayer and Self Denial program with Vesta Roper in charge with the help of other members.

We had a good attendance for the April meeting with 23 ladies attending. The program was given by the Esther Circle members and was based on the upcoming 150th anniversary of the United Methodist Women in 2019.

Eight of our members attended the annual Social Action Event, Saturday, April 9, 2016, presented by the Desert Southwest UMW Conference.

The Spring Luncheon will be held May 14, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 and are on sale on Sundays. If you would like to attend the luncheon, but cannot buy a ticket on Sundays, call Karleen Miller at 623-934-6639.

There will not be a UMW Unit Meeting in May, nor will there be one in June, July or August.

Submitted by
—*Irma Wilson*, Vice President

Looking (Listening) to Jesus...

I love our dog Max! He has become a vital member of our family. He is, by far, the most loving dog I've ever known... and he loves attention. In fact, Max loves attention so much that he has developed some bad behavior to get attention. It's almost impossible to ignore Max's demand for attention. He's so cute, everyone naturally wants to pet and hug him. But once you start showing him attention, he doesn't want you to stop. He nudges your hand with his nose until you give him more attention. If allowed, Max would want attention for an eternity. At this moment, Max's behavior cancels out his sweetness, and he becomes a source of irritation!

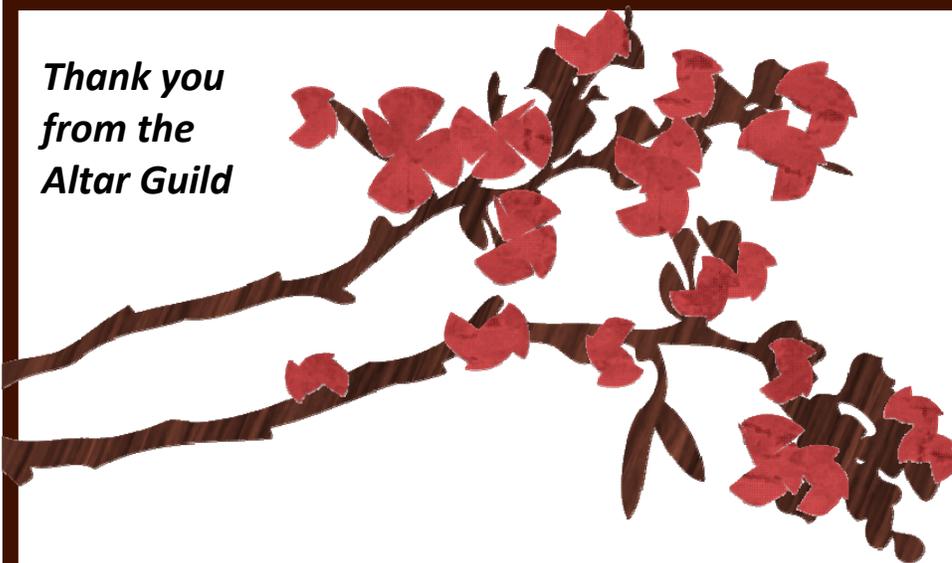
A while back I learned from a very good friend, who happens to be a very smart dog trainer; that dogs, like children, test to see what's allowed. This friend/dog trainer reminded me that dogs, like children, listen better when you have their attention. She taught me trick to get Max's attention. While holding a treat in front of my face, I would call Max by name. When he looked into my eyes, I would give him the treat and praise him with the words: "*Good look, Max!*"

This idea applies to faithfully following Christ as well. We all love attention. We want to know we are loved. We long to be ac-

knowledged. But unless we read and study the ways and teachings of Jesus, our lives will be driven more by our need for affirmation and love. In a very real sense, we need to *make eye contact*, (*look at*) Jesus. We do this by reading the Bible, expecting the Holy Spirit will reveal what God and Christ desire for us. If/when we do this, God will speak, and we will receive a special *treat!* We'll have more love than we could ever imagine, and Christ will live within us forever!

Looking to Jesus,
—*Pastor Kim*

***Thank you
from the
Altar Guild***



We wish to thank all those that helped with the preparations during the Easter season. This is a busy time for all of us, and especially for the church schedule of special celebration days.

Thanks to those members that brought the palm fronds for Palm Sunday, those that delivered the flowers for Easter Sunday, those that prepared the church for Good Friday, and

those that arrived early and prepared for the Sunrise Service gave of their time and talents. There are many other important duties done by members so we all can enjoy our church. Thank you, thank you to all of you. And especially thank you to Rebecca in the church office for all those wonderful overhead pictures shown during the services.

Hopefully, all of you visited the "Last Seven Words of Jesus" displayed in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to both UMW circles, the Altar Guild, the Choir, and the Youth for presenting their interpretations of these words. All of them were thought-provoking and awesome, using different materials and styles, to consider the real meaning of these words. Rev. Wick has taken pictures of these displays so we may keep them in our church history.

The banner displayed the Sunday after Easter was made in 2009 by four couples from the Nomads Mission Volunteers. It shows Jesus's Resurrection as written in Luke 24.

The Altar Guild is always looking for members to join us in celebration of all seasons. No experience needed.

Respectfully,
Linda Hardesty, Worship Team Chairperson



We would like to honor the grads in our congregation Sunday, May 22. Please send the name of the graduate, a photo, and the information about the school, major, and future plans. Email to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com. Thank you!



*Don't forget
 to visit the
 Glendale Farmers
 Market every 2nd
 and 4th Saturday
 in our church
 parking lot!*

Deadline for the summer issue
 is May 16. Your items for the
 newsletter should be submitted
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