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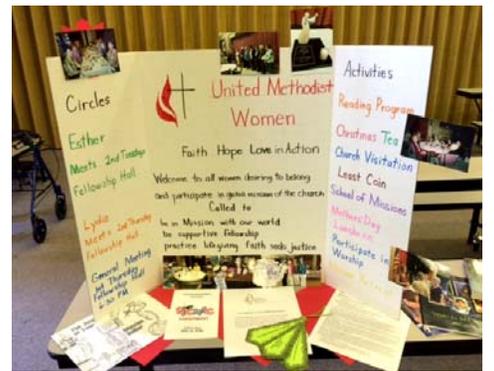
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Luau Thank You!

Our Summer Luau was a great success! I would like to say thank you for everyone's hard work. We had so much yummy food! I hope everyone took the opportunity to see what educational and ministry opportunities we offer at our church. Also, thank you to all the committees setting up booths so we can see what's available to participate in at Glendale First United Methodist. The Education Team plans to make this an annual event, and we can't wait for next year!

—Lisa Sanchez, Education Team Chairperson



Our Core Values

At First United Methodist Church of Glendale

Love and Acceptance...

Faith that we can love and accept everyone as Jesus taught us

The Power of Prayer...

Trust in the infinite power of confident prayer

Pursuit of the Word...

The desire to pursue understanding and application of the word of God



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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am–3:00 pm; closed Friday at 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

Family Camp at Lynx Lake

A big thank you to all who participated in Family Camp the weekend of September 9-11. We had 15 adults and 15 youngsters in camp on Saturday for our barbecue lunch. We are grateful for the support from the United Methodist Men, who provided \$500 to pay for all our groceries and camp crafts. A big thank you to Debbie Sneddon and Jeremiah Staats for preparing delicious meals for us, to Debbie and Cindy Chrisman for providing craft activities and to Rosie Miller and her sisters for gathering all the cooking gear and kitchen items needed for

the weekend. This year we had a special treat—homemade ice cream provided by Sherry Paddie. Working together, we all had a great time in the pines. Mark your calendar for next September so you can join us for our 2017 family camp retreat!



Making Ice Cream!



Just hanging out...



Play Ball!



More fun and games...



Let's go fishing!

Save the Date!

The United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 3

2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets go on sale soon!

I would always laugh when seeing a button my friend had on his favorite hat. The picture on the button showed a guy with long hair and a robe (the image that comes to mind when we think of Jesus) diving to save a volleyball that is about to hit the ground. The caption was, "Jesus Saves!"

Salvation is the saving grace of God, shown through the sacrificial act of Jesus. That's what God does for each one of us, and every person who has a change of heart. We repent, accept the power of God's grace

and trust that we are loved. I remember my first conversion experience very well. I felt so unworthy of God's forgiving love, and yet, I came forward anyway. When I arrived at the altar, there was a person who knelt with me and told me with great confidence, that I was loved by God.

In the 18th chapter of Luke, Jesus calls out to Zacchaeus, a tax collector and sinner, and invites himself to his home. Immediately Zacchaeus comes down from the tree and vows to right any wrongs he has done up to that point. Jesus

Salvation!

By Pastor Kim

announces that salvation has come true for this man. Then Jesus says something vitally important. "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham." (Luke 19:9)

When one is saved, he or she is not only restored back in relationship to God, but also restored into the Body of Christ, the Church. This second aspect of salvation becomes the responsibility of the you and me, the Church. Jesus' announcement of forgiveness and attention to the lost was often met with resistance from the religious establishment of his day. It's vitally important that those who experience the salvation of God are embraced and invited into the body, no matter where they have come from. They have been restored through Christ. I thank God for this every time I remember that person who knelt with me and told me with confidence that I was loved!



Worship Schedule for October 2016

- October 2: **20th Sunday After Pentecost/ World Communion**
The Greatest Servants Expect No Praise...
Read: Luke 17:5-10
- October 9: **21st Sunday After Pentecost**
Sherry Paddie leading worship
- October 16: **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Laity Sunday
Guest Speaker leading worship
- October 23: **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
UMW Sunday
Judy Cleaveland leading worship
- October 30: **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Salvation: Restored to the Family
Read: Luke 19:1-10



News and Notes

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

Annual Church Conference Scheduled for October 25

Our annual Church/Charge Conference date has been set for October 25 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 2017. 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 your yearly ministry report. These reports are due in the church office by October 14; if possible, email them to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com. You may also fax your report to 623-236-9284. If you need a copy of last year's report, email Rebecca.

To the Men, Women, Adolescents and Children of the Church:

My name is Gene Dameron and I am the Lay Leader at First United Methodist Church of Glendale. My job and my honor is to represent the laity of our beautiful church.

As your Lay Leader I have the responsibility of being your advocate, and yes sometimes your voice when you have something to say or convey that you prefer not to say yourself.

Today I am doing something that I should have done long ago. I am reaching out to you to invite you to share with me openly or confidentially any concerns or accolades that you would like to share regarding any program or process within our church. I will in turn share your thoughts confidentially or publically if you prefer with our Pastor or any leader within our church who is responsible for the area of your concern or your appreciation.

Please understand that I am not suggesting that anyone within our church is not capable of speaking their mind, but sometimes there are members or visitors to our church who have something to say, but may be a bit shy about saying it.

I am not suggesting that our church leadership is not approachable. Every leader within our church is easily approachable by anyone. We are blessed to enjoy the many fine leaders that we have.

I can be contacted at any time, day or night at (602)-618-5565. My email address is GDameron@IntegratedPlans.Com and my mailing address is 10808 West Orangewood Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85307. I also have a box in the church office area.

I look forward to serving you in any way that I can.

With God's Love,

Gene Dameron, Lay Leader

Get Prepared and Financially Fit

Gain useful information at a free-of-charge, seminar offered by Duet on Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 – noon, followed by lunch. Topics include:

- How to Prevent Identity Theft
- Medicare Update
- Insurance Coverage—Too Much? Too Little?
- Wills and Trusts
- Practical Steps to Take After Your Loved One Passes Away

The no-solicitation seminar takes place at Duet, 555 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021. RSVP by October 14 at (602) 274-5022.

**ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION
UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT FUMC**

First United Methodist Church - Room 101

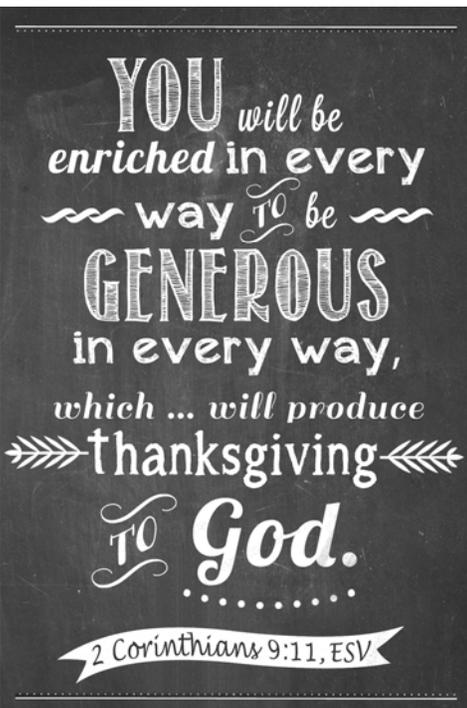
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| November 3 | Holiday Tips (9:30—10:30 am)
Holidays can be difficult for family and friends, as well as the person with dementia. This workshop offers helpful ideas for dealing with the holidays. |
| December 5 | Know the 10 Signs (1:30—2:30 pm)
If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease. |

No charge to attend. Registration is required.
For registration, please call 602.528.054 or register online at www.alz.org/dsw

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Volunteer Needed

The Riner Outreach Center is in need of a front desk/reception volunteer, six hours per week. This volunteer will have the opportunity to interact with clients, creating a welcoming and warm atmosphere. Someone with an outgoing personality would be ideal. This position requires that the volunteer be comfortable interacting with our clients in a way that is compassionate, encouraging, empathetic, respectful and kind, but at the same time firm. The volunteer would be responsible for ushering clients through the process consistently and in an orderly manner.

If you feel like God is calling you to make a difference in the lives of others in this way, please contact Sherry Paddie via email at sherry.glendalefirstumc@gmail.com.

AJ'S Story — Notes from the Missions Team

Let me tell you about AJ. He is my grandson, 24 years old, graduated from Utah State University in May 2016. His degree was in Aviation Technology.

He has his private pilot license, his commercial license, and his flight instructor license. He works with the FAA, administering their test to student pilots. He is a flight instructor for Utah State University. He also sits on the Safety Board at the Logan-Cache Airport in Logan, Utah where he resides.

There is a reason I start this way. While we were visiting AJ

last month, he shared a story with us, his grandparents, that we did not know. I have his permission to share it.

This is AJ's story: "I finished high school with no future plans. I worked a minimum wage job, but on my time off I chose a group of friends that liked to party. I tried drugs and I drank alcohol. I was high most of the time. My parents were ready to kick me out. I blamed other people for the situation I was in. One time, Grandma needed help feeding at the Watkins Homeless Shel-

ter. I volunteered to go help.

That changed my life. I saw the path I had chosen and this might be where I end up. At that moment I decided my life was my responsibility. I had to take control. I had always wanted to be a pilot. I already had some training. That is when I searched for a college and chose Utah State. I became responsible for my life!"

I have always believed we should get children involved in mission work. I didn't have

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JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT—Nursery Volunteer

- Schedule:** One Sunday a month
Hours: Approximately 1 ½ hours (either 9:00 a.m. or 11:11 a.m.)
Pay: Smiles, giggles and hugs
Benefits: Watching our babies and young children grow and develop
Special Skills: The ability to be dependable and to love as Jesus bid us to do

Please consider becoming one of our nursery volunteers. The nursery is lovingly cared for by Shoshana Whitehead from Lullaby Guild, but we require two adults be present when children are involved. Our job is to check at the beginning of each service (either 9:00 a.m. or 11:11 a.m.) to see if assistance is needed. If there are no children you may leave. If there are any babies or young children, stay and be the second adult. There is no lifting required, only a chance to sit in a rocking chair and have an enjoyable time with our youngest, most precious members.

For further information contact Genny Riner, 928-451-11545 or gennyriner@outlook.com

Worship Committee Report

Now that fall has arrived, it is time to get down to business and get busy planning the upcoming holiday season.

The choir is back in business, the lights are up and ready for Glendale Glitters around the

church, in the park, and down the streets, and kids are back in school. We will soon see those lucky enough to get out of the heat return from their summer homes.

The Worship Committee is excited to be planning and presenting new and different experiences for all this coming season. The committee is working closely with the Karen Render, the Youth Leader to include the youth in several events this year.

Some of the highlights we have planned are: serving different breads for World Communion Sunday, using a lay person to deliver the message on Laity Sunday, have special music on Reformation Sunday, and continue with a tribute to those that are no longer with us in body on All Saints Day.

Larry Del Rae has lined up an all-star series again to be presented in the sanctuary during the Glendale Glitters weekends.

New this year! There will be an added service on Friday, November 25 at 7:00 pm for the Hanging of the Greens. This will replace the daytime event of decorating the church. The youth will be the main attraction, with singing, readings about the meaning of Advent, and decorating the tree with homemade Chrismons. Additional information regarding transportation and parking will be provided in future communications. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated during this event.

We are hopeful that these opportunities provided give each of you joy and gladness in your hearts.

—Linda Hardesty, Worship Team Chairperson



Missions Team—AJ's Story (Continued from page 6)

proof that it could change a life. Now I KNOW IT CAN! AJ is proof. The Missions Team has several opportunities coming up in which children can get involved. We will have a display on October 30th during coffee fellowship for you to view.

Upcoming Mission projects: Shoebox collection dates are November 14th-21st. The next meal at the Watkins Shelter is Oct. 2 and then Nov. 6.

December 4th and 11th we will be selling arts and jewelry from Africa.

Get involved, donate, get your children involved. We have lots of gifts we can share with others. Thank God we are able to do this for HIS GLORY!

—Gail Dameron,
Missions Team Chairperson

Please pray for these Central West District Churches in October:

Sedona UMC

Shepherd of the Hills UMC,
Sun City West

Shepherd of the Valley UMC,
Phoenix



A Duet Takes Two

Eighty-five-year-old Evelyn has found compassion, dignity, and hope through her Duet volunteer. After her husband’s passing, she reached out for friendly visits. “My volunteer, Pam, is not only my friend, she’s like a family member.” They enjoy regular visits and games of Scrabble. Many more isolated elders are waiting for visits or other help such as grocery shopping or rides to appointments. To become part of a ‘duet of service’, call 602-274-5022 or visit www.duetaz.org. Simply attend one 2 ½ hour orientation to begin. Our congregation is part of this vibrant network of care. Thank you!

Duet “neighbor” Evelyn

Note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Deadline for the November issue is October 14. Your items for the news-letter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm.
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