

Circuit Rider

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Annual Conference Mission Project

The Desert Southwest Annual Conference is asking all churches to donate items that can't be purchased with food stamps.

Food stamps can't be used for anything that isn't labeled for human consumption. The following items are desperately needed by people who have limited resources:

- toilet paper, paper towels,
- soap, hand soap, hand or body cream,
- deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner,
- diapers, adult diapers, flushable wipes,
- dish soap, cleaning products

Full size only, no travel sizes can be accepted. We will be collecting on Sunday, June 4 and 11. Please place donations in the box in the narthex.

Donations will be brought by our delegates and pastor to Annual Conference in June. Last year, our support of grocery gift cards for young people aging out of foster care was excellent. There are thousands of people who need the basics, such as listed above, products that we take for granted. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by many.



The church office is open Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm, and Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Due to vacations, the church office and Riner Outreach Center will be closed the first weeks of both July and August (July 3-7; July 31-August 4).

If you have any questions, please call the office at 623-939-1409, option 2.



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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am—12:00 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

From the Worship Committee

The busy and wonderful time of Lent and Easter is past and we now concentrate on the summer season. Butterflies were the theme this year, so I challenge everyone to be reminded of Easter and its meaning every time one sees a butterfly.

In helping prepare church services, the Worship committee was given a Guideline Booklet to follow as a direction and process in order to fulfill the mission of the church. The Worship book includes the title "The Gifts of God from the People of God." With that responsibility in mind I would like to share the SLICE Model that can be included in planning the church services.

The first letter S stands for Sacramental. The sacraments of communion and baptism are core to the Methodist Church beliefs. By

including these in the service on a monthly basis, we are following the celebration of the sacraments.

The second letter L stands for Liturgical. The booklet states, "Whatever you offer in worship is your congregation's liturgy". This can include singing, speaking, praying, or dancing. Engaging with God is the objective.

The I in Indigenous is the third letter. No matter which "type" of worship structure is offered, traditional or contemporary, the goal is to use the gifts of the membership to present the most faithful and relevant worship service.

The C in Connected is the fourth letter. All parts of the service are focused on making us one with God, with one an-

other, and one to all the world.

The word religion actually means reconnection.

The last letter E is for Embodied. This concept addresses the position of the body in response to parts of the worship. One stands to sing, sits to pray, turns to watch the candle brought in, or views the communion table at the front of the church.

The Worship Committee will continue to support the ministry by incorporating the stated mission of the church in each and every Sunday service.

*Guidelines: Worship The Gifts of God from the People of God 2017-2020

—Linda Hardesty,
Worship Chairperson



"Everything has become new!"

2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

First United Methodist Church of Glendale is blessed to be a part of a denomination that recognizes the value and importance of spiritual renewal. By discipline, United Methodist pastors are encouraged to take time away from their regular duties and demands every few years for reflection, rest, reading and rekindling of their spirit.

I am writing to express my gratitude for such an opportunity. For the month of July, I will be away for this

purpose. We are fortunate and blessed to have the Reverend Tom Wick in our midst. Many of you know and love him, and I am blessed by his presence and active participation in our church.

My renewal leave will include intentional rest, reading, experiencing worship services in other churches, meditation and reflection, as well as spending intentional time with family. During my time away, Pastor Tom will handle all the duties at our church. Again, I

Spiritual Renewal

I am very grateful for this opportunity, and I covet your prayers during my time away!



June 4:

Pentecost Sunday

"The Greatest Day Ever"

Read: John 7:37-39

June 11:

1st Sunday After Pentecost

"Encouragement"

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

June 18: Second Sunday After Pentecost

"Hope"

Read: Romans 5:1-8

June 25: Third Sunday After Pentecost

"Fear"

Read: Matthew 10:27-28



SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Rev. Tom Wick will be filling in for Pastor Kim during his renewal leave in July. The worship themes and lectionary for July will be published in the weekly e-news; to subscribe, email rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com and write "e-news" in the subject line. Thank you!

Church News and Notes

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

Book Nook

Check out the UMW selection *Sally Ride* by Lynn Sherr (Large Print). This book takes you from childhood to outer space with Sally Ride, the first American woman to orbit the earth. Written by a reporter friend, the story covers her brilliant, calm personality through her professional and personal relationships. An easy read. The Book Nook is in Fellowship Hall, across from the kitchen.

CBS - Christian Book Shelf

Have you seen this library, located in the fireside area? Books are open to all on a take and return policy. One of the books there is *Hold Tight The Thread* by Jane Kirkpatrick. It is a historical novel, the last of a series based on the true stories of Catholic French Canadians in Oregon who married Indian women. This series gives you an insight to the conflicts between the English, Indians and Americans in the 1840's. The story is based on real people and is an informative, enjoyable read.

Secret Angels... A Big Thank You!

Did you know that there are people who sweep the sidewalks throughout the week and on Sunday mornings so people don't stumble over the little rocks that have a way of getting on the sidewalk? Our church campus is primarily cleaned and maintained by volunteers, and it's a big task! So if you ever see one of these secret angels, be sure to say thank you!

Part-Time Maintenance Worker

First United Methodist Church of Glendale is looking for a part-time maintenance person, working a flexible schedule of 15 hours per week. This position requires skills/experience in electrical, plumbing, painting and carpentry work and knowledge of drip irrigation systems. It also requires knowledge of maintaining HVAC systems. Email resumes to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com, or fax to (623) 236-9284.

I Love to Tell the Story

I spent the weekend recently at a United Methodist Women's District Spiritual Retreat. I was blessed to serve communion and at the end of the retreat, some of us gathered around the piano singing familiar songs. Also, I led an early morning devotion and we sang "This is My Father's World" as we were in God's great outdoors. I wanted to share this with you because sometimes we don't take the time to share the stories of Jesus and his love. The chorus of the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" says "I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory; to tell the old, old story, of Jesus and His love." As you go about your day, see who you can tell the story of Jesus to and be sure to include your story with it. We all have a story to tell, but we have to be willing to tell it. ARE YOU READY? If not, what do you need in order to be ready? My story right now is that I need others to pray, as sometimes I find it difficult to do that with tribulations we are facing now. Our son, Kevin, is living with cancer the best he can until Jesus takes him to Heaven. One of our other sons, Jeff, is deployed in Kuwait at the present time. We really appreciate your prayers.

May God's blessings flow down on you—

Judy Cleaveland

News from the Trustees

The big news is that we are losing our school, Pensar Academy, on June 30. They were paying rent of \$4,000 per month, plus their share of the electric bill. They needed more space, and found a facility for their permanent home near I-17. We will miss that income! We have students in our church who attend Pensar Academy and like it. We are trying to find a way to replace that rental income; one idea is to rent our commercial kitchen.

Our solar project is near completion. The solar company has ordered a new power center to replace the old one in our equipment room. The old one does not meet current standards and has to be replaced before it can be connected with the new power supply system. The new power center has to be specially built due to our unique circumstances. When the new power center becomes available, another power outage will be required to complete the work. That hopefully will coincide with the end of school. We have faith that all things work together for good! We have paid

our deposit of \$50,000. We look forward to seeing the benefit of this investment.

We are going forward with hiring a part-time maintenance worker. There is plenty of work to do. Applicants should email resumes to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com, or fax to (623) 236-9284.

Speaking of maintaining our property, please help us keep it clean by picking up trash and disposing of it when you see it. We will schedule another work day soon. Consider coming down to participate in that. You can be looking around, identifying things that need to be done, and maybe that you would enjoy doing!

Also, we have had trouble with our doors not locking behind us when we want them to. When you exit out of the Fellowship Hall please take the time to make sure the door latches and locks securely behind you. You may notice the middle south glass door to the courtyard has signs on it and a mechanism to keep it permanently closed. I will be looking for bids to replace that door. Keeping the building secure when not in use is an important part of maintaining our property.

That's all for now. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

—Linda Triolo,
Trustee Chairperson



We've Lost a Friend

We are saddened to announce that our dear friend, Nelson Butler III, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Nelson was an important member of our church family, and will be greatly missed.

His memorial service, open to all, will be held in the Glendale High School gymnasium, 6216 W. Glendale Avenue on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 9:00 am.

Mission u: An opportunity for transformation

Mission u for UMW in West District will take place in July. Mission u offers an opportunity to satisfy your UMW purpose and to turn faith, hope and love into action.

Scholarships are available. The Marilyn Jean Chapman Scholarship is meant for women who have never attended Mission u. For those women who have been active in UMW, this is an opportunity to learn more about how to serve and especially about new relevant topics to address throughout the year or perhaps in planning for the next season of activities.

The Marilyn Sue Stout Scholarship is available for girls and women aged 14 to 30 years. It is never too early (or too late) to become active in UMW. These scholarships are offered by the Desert Southwest Conference. The deadline for these scholarships is May 31, 2017, and applications need to be submitted to your local president, who will then forward them to the District office. It may be too late this year, but consider applying early for scholarships next year.

Mission u for the West District will be at North Scottsdale United Methodist Church, 11735 N Scottsdale Road, Phoenix, July 28-29, 2017.

Although the scholarship deadline has passed, there is still time to register. However, do not delay. Register online or get the forms from your UMW officers. Registration is \$62 and must be completed by July 20 (no refunds). Topics for this year include the following: Spiritual growth: Living as a covenant community; Issue study: Climate Justice; Geographic study: Missionary Conferences of the United States. In addition to the registration fees, there is a small booklet that should be purchased and read before the course begins.

Living as a covenant community examines major covenants in the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. This study will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us and through us. The study on climate justice was so popular last year (it actually won out over the topic on human sexuality) that it is being continued. It is a call to action concerning sustainability of natural resources. The geographic study will look at three mission conferences in the United States: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Mission Conference, and Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference. The study will concentrate on growth and engagement as well as how to optimize and maximize these missions for the future.

See you at Mission u!

—Eva Ndavu
President, UMW

The City of Glendale is 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 Sunday, July 2nd will be a special patriotic music concert for the 4th of July weekend.



Summer Family Activities

Are you up for a nice summer stroll? Historic Downtown Glendale will once again host a summer scavenger stroll through downtown Glendale on June 9th. This third annual event will be between 4:00-8:00pm beginning at the Glendale Visitor Center. Search for clues and win prizes with a grand prize drawing to end the night.

Free Admission to the Aquatic Center. There will be a special Opening Day dedication in honor of late former councilmember Phil Lieberman on June 3rd at 9:00 am at the Rose Lane Aquatic Center followed by an early opening and free admission.

We are looking for some volunteers to help put together some family fun nights during July for families to come and enjoy. Contact Christine Jones 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 snack, or plan some games, perhaps sing some songs with karaoke?

Family Camp is coming! Mark your calendar for October 6-8, 2017. 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 our newsletters and bulletins!

Riner Update

The Brad Riner Assistance Office is humming with activity. As of the 23rd, we have helped 178 people in May. We have applied for a grant from United Health Care and from Smart & Final. We have a new inventory system in place. Our supply of canned meat (with the exception of tuna fish) is almost entirely wiped out. Any donations of vienna sausages, small or large Spam®, or canned chicken would be greatly appreciated. We are also really low on side dishes—boxed or bagged noodles, rice, potatoes or stuffing. These can be plain or seasoned. We use these in individual and family food bags for poor and homeless. Remember when you travel we can really use any complimentary personal-sized hygiene items that you don't need!



Donations of canned meat are needed for the food pantry.

Thanks for your support,
Dawn Horney, Director of Outreach



Register for Vacation Bible School, June 5-9, 2017!
6:00-8:30 pm
FREE Dinner at 5:30 pm



See our website, glendalefirstumc.com for the registration form and more information.



Deadline for the August Issue is July 14. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm. email: rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com fax: 623.236.9284

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