

Circuit Rider *August* 2017

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2nd Annual Church Luau: Sunday, August 27

Come to our 2nd annual all-church luau on Sunday, August 27 after the 11:11 am service. The main meal will be provided: teriyaki chicken, macaroni salad, rice and fruit salad. If you are able, please bring a dessert to donate to the dessert buffet.

During the luau, we will be registering for Sunday School, both children and adults. Genny Riner will be our official registrar.

Also during the luau, we will have our ministry fair.

This is your opportunity to see what educational and ministry opportunities we offer at First United Methodist Church. The Education Team is inviting all of the committees and ministry groups to set up informational booths so everyone can see what is happening and where you can participate. This is a great time to see where your abilities can serve the church community, so come on out and see what we have to offer.

We would like to encourage you to bring friends, neighbors, and extended family to the luau—there is a place at the table for everyone! How will our community know about this wonderful church family if we don't extend an invitation?



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

While away and resting, I have been reflecting on one question in particular. What is the purpose of the church? Some of us have wondered about this by way of another question: *"If our church (or any church) closed its doors, what would be missing in our community?"* For me, this has become a personal and professional question as well. I have been considering my role in the church, in the mission and work

of Christ and our community.

In the month of August during worship we will hear Jesus address this subject as he mentors his followers about their role. We'll begin with the amazing miracle of feeding more than 5,000 people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. On the surface this is an unbelievable story, only possible at the divine hands of Jesus... but I have come to believe the most

The Miracles of Jesus

By Pastor Kim

important element of this story is Jesus revealing the purpose of his mission; that is, to feed the hungry, offer hope for those who have lost their way and share the love of Christ in our community. When the disciples encourage Jesus to *"send the*

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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Sunday Worship Schedule

Aug 6: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Miracles of Jesus: Feeding 5,000
Read: Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 13: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Miracles of Jesus: Walking on the Water
Read: Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 20: ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Miracles of Jesus: Healing the Sick
Read: Matthew 15:21-28

Aug 27: TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A Strong Foundation...
Read: Matthew 16:13-20



The Miracles of Jesus

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crowds away so they can...buy food for themselves," (Matthew 14:15b) Jesus reminds them of his mission, and now their mission. This is Jesus' calling we hear in the Gospel of Luke when he begins his ministry:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free. (Luke 4:18)

The foundational purpose of every church is revealed in this miraculous story where Jesus feeds more than 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish.

Whenever we ground our efforts and our words in the mission of Christ, miraculous things will happen.

Join me in prayerful discernment of how we might allow Jesus to perform a few miracles in our community through this church.

Yours in the mission,



Shop Back-to-School Sales NOW for Operation Christmas Child

It seems far in the future, but it really won't be long until we will be assembling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! School supplies are the most-wanted items in the shoeboxes, and savvy shoppers know that August is the time to get great deals on school supplies! The Missions Team will begin collecting spiral notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, markers, tablets, calculators (with extra batteries), children's scissors, erasers, pencil sharpeners or any other school supplies you can think of! Bring your donations to church and mark them for the Missions Team. Thank you very much for helping us get a head start on our Shoebox Ministry!



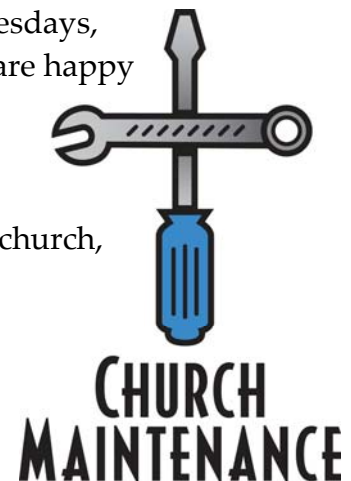
--Gail Dameron, Missions Team Chairperson

P.S. Another Back-to-School sale item that kids love—new socks!

New Maintenance Tech!

July 11, 2017 was Philip Quintel's first day as the church's new part-time maintenance man. He works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The trustees are happy to welcome him. We really need him! We hope this new relationship will be beneficial for all concerned for years to come. We have hopes and dreams for our church, and Philip will help make them happen. Thanks, Philip!

—Linda Triolo, Trustees Chairperson





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 Life Through The Rearview Mirror by Ed Lincoln. This is a delightful memoir of a man who built up his Pink Tow-Truck business with a sense of humor and a dedication to helping others. This book is a story of family and community which will make you feel as if you know the family, have laughed and cried with them. Enjoy this easy read!

Book Nook

Read the UMW selection, A Twist of Faith by John Donnelly. It's an eye-opening look at mission work in Africa—the organizations as well as private citizens and their dreams of doing good. It explains the government and cultural issues that face the people who believe in their mission of saving orphans in dire need of food, health care and education. Several of the UMW members have read this book, but I urge others to read it, to better understand what these unusually dedicated people go through.

Behind Closed Doors

Behind doorways throughout our neighborhoods you will find elders who are lonely. Duet, our congregation's partner in service, makes it easy and safe to help our fellow neighbors. Duet receives requests for visiting and grocery shopping and other simple yet vital services. Their staff do initial home visits to answer questions and ensure volunteers' safety. Then, Duet matches elders with caring people... like you! Find out who is waiting for your compassion at www.duetaz.org (click on the wait list map on the home page). To volunteer, call 602-274-5022 and sign up to attend a scheduled orientation, or request an individual orientation for a time that works for you. When your door of opportunity opens, you will receive a glowing greeting!



Thank you for Camp Scholarships!

Many of you contributed to our Camp Scholarship Fund this year, and we would like to thank you! We sent **9 campers** to Mingus Mountain and Potosi Pines Camps this summer, and we were able to cover all of our scholarship requests! Thank you for your investment for our children and youth who are growing in their faith and spirituality.

NEW! Wednesday Evening Speaker Series at First Glendale

As we roll into the fall, I am excited to announce the beginning of our Fall Special Speaker Series on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall:

August 9 th	Life Care Planning (Living Wills, DNRs, and more) ¹
August 16 th	Estate Planning (Attorney Visit) ² (5pm-7pm)
August 23 rd	Internet Safety (Great for families and parents) ¹
August 30 th	Consumer Scams and Identity Theft ¹
September 6 th	Young Adults Consumer Guide (Best for ages 17-27) ¹
September 13 th	Crime Prevention ² (Burglary and Auto Theft)
September 20 th	Human Trafficking ¹
September 27 th	DOVES Program (Elder Abuse) ²

¹ Presentations are given by the Arizona Attorney General’s Office

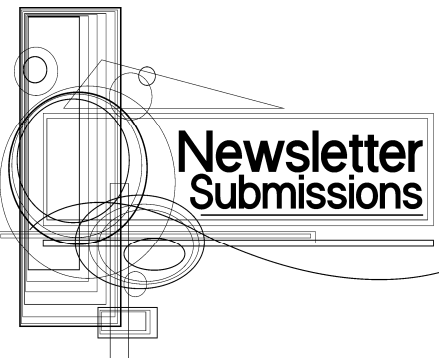
² Presentations are given by other community groups

Everyone is welcome to attend any session. Attendance is free and each presentation lasts about 1 hour. If you have suggestions, or want to volunteer or participate, please contact Christine Jones in the church office.

Study Materials Available

We have fully catalogued all of the support materials that we have in our library. If you are interested in starting up a small group study, whether in your home or on our campus, we have some great materials for you to use. Come by the Church Office during the week and ask Christine to show you what we have. Don’t have time during the week? Send an email and we can work something out.

Christine Jones, Director of Nurture
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If you would like to submit an article for the weekly announcements or the monthly newsletter, the deadlines are:

Bulletin Announcements/E-News: Tuesdays by 3:00 pm

Circuit Rider: 2nd Friday of each month by 12:00 pm

You may send items/articles to rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com.
Thank you!

UMW: Gearing Up for a Busy Season

Several women attended the West District Mission u opportunity at North Scottsdale United Methodist Church, July 28-29, 2017. They included Christine Jones, Linda Triolo, Judy Cleaveland, and Vesta Roper.

Reasons for attending Mission u:

1. You can satisfy your UMW purpose and turn faith, hope and love into action;
2. You are in the company of fabulous women like yourself;
3. You acquire valuable information;
4. You experience a very moving and unique worship service;
5. You see and experience a new church;
6. You do something special for yourself without spending a lot of money;
7. You walk away thinking: "Why didn't I do this before?"
8. You have a one-on-one time with God;
9. You will want to return;
10. You have a wonderful experience to share with local UMW members;
11. You can use the books read for Mission u as part of your reading program requirements.

The list goes on and on. Attendees from UMW FUMC Glendale will be in charge of our Retreat to be held on September 9 in Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They will give us an overview of all that they learned and shepherd us into our new season of fellowship and service. This Saturday event will replace the usual Thursday evening general meeting for September. September will also be a time of planning and preparing for lots of activities in October which will start with UMW Sunday on October 1, also World Communion Sunday and our international potluck lunch (more about this lively event later). Also in October we have our annual District and Conference celebration meetings in Sun City and Yuma, respectively.

Focus on Columbus (Ohio)

The UMW General Assembly will be May 18-20, 2018 during which we will celebrate our 150 years. This once-in-a-lifetime event should be a goal for all members. We have some funds available locally to assist those wishing to attend. Please write a letter to any of your officers if you wish to apply for assistance. Members should have been active in the local UMW group for at least one year. State the following: why you want to attend, what you hope to gain from the event, how you will use this experience to benefit our local UMW and church. Submit letters to individuals or leave them in the church office. Deadline is November 1, 2017 to benefit from early registration.

—Eva Ndavu
President, UMW

“Give A Little” Tour Adds Stop at First Glendale; Raising Awareness of Cardiac Risk in the Young

The "Give A Little" Tour is a 20-city US tour featuring acoustic singer/songwriter Jonny Tristram to raise awareness of cardiac risk in the young.

Jonny will play sets in Louisiana, Georgia, Washington DC, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and California, while also visiting historic American sites along the way. Jonny will perform at our church on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 8:00—10:00 pm. The concert is free, with donations accepted.

A talented videographer, Justin Dickenson (DBS Productions Houston) will be accompanying him on the tour to develop a documentary of this adventure, so we want to fill our sanctuary!

Proceeds from this tour will be donated to the Texas Children's Hospital and to CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).



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Concerned about an Aging Family Member?

Registration is now open for Duet’s Family Caregiver Symposium on November 2nd from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Learn how to navigate periods of high stress from expert panelists during National Caregiver Month. In the afternoon, learn how to become a discussion group facilitator for Duet’s new family caregiver video series. Location: Church of the Beatitudes at 555 W Glendale Ave., Phoenix, 85021. For many more details and to register, go to www.duetaz.org, or call 602-274-5022.

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