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A newsletter from First United Methodist Church of Glendale, AZ



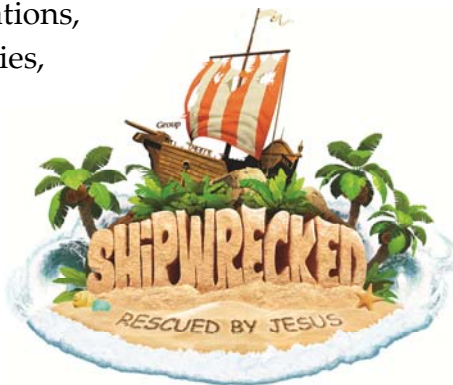
General Assembly and Mission u.

United Methodist Women Executive Board will meet next on Thursday, June 21 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

It's not too late to register children and youth for VBS June 4-8! We begin at 5:30 pm 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.

Registration is available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/firstglendale>

United Methodist Women will have their next general meeting on Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 am–12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. This will be the annual retreat to renew and refresh their faith and fellowship. Expect exciting presentations from the UMW



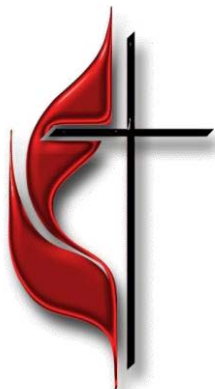
2018 Desert Southwest Annual Conference "Giving God our Best"

**June 14-17, 2018 at the
Renaissance Glendale Hotel
9495 W Coyotes Blvd, Glendale,
AZ 85305**

For all the information about the upcoming 2018 Annual Conference, see <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/>

If you are not attending Annual Conference this year, but would like to follow along, there will be a live stream from the same website.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca in the church office.



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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

June Worship Schedule

June 3: Second Sunday After Pentecost

Can You Hear Me Now?

Read: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Michaela Barnhart Preaching

June 10: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Asking Why...

Read: 1 Samuel 8:4-20

Christine Jones Preaching

June 17: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost; Father's Day

Dawn Horney Preaching

June 24: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

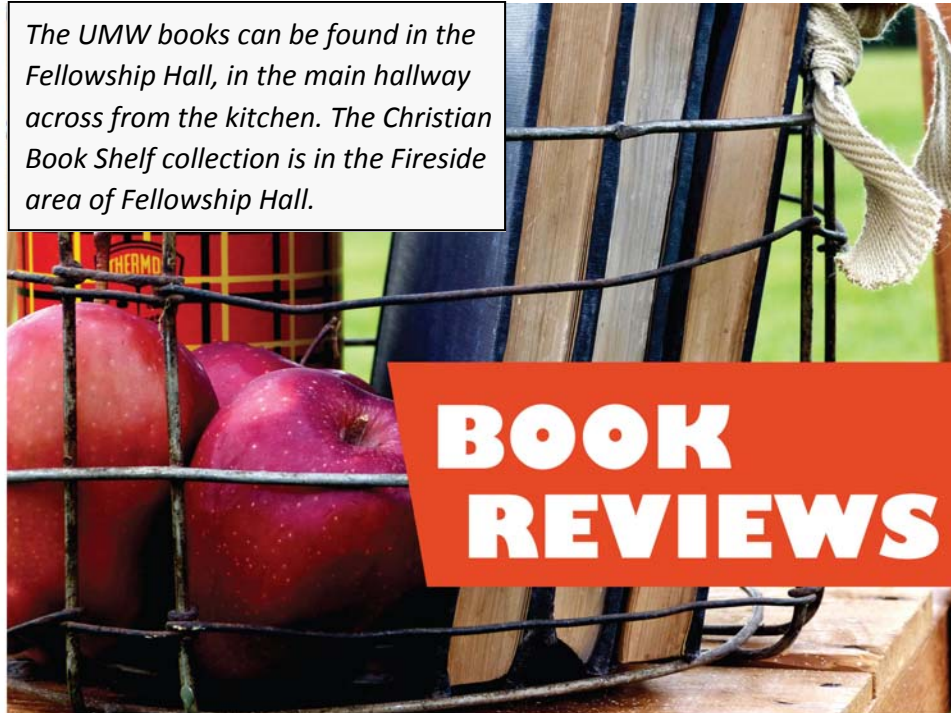
*Ministry Orders: Don't Be
Afraid, Stay Calm, Have Faith!*

Read: Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Kim Gladding Preaching
Annual Conference Reports

Please Note:
**The Memoirs Class will
not meet in June or July;
the next session will be
Friday, August 10 at
10:00 am in Room 101.**

The UMW books can be found in the Fellowship Hall, in the main hallway across from the kitchen. The Christian Book Shelf collection is in the Fireside area of Fellowship Hall.



BOOK REVIEWS

UMW Selection: "A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett

I found this book to be a bit of slow starter, with Amanda working as a cocktail waitress, and between jobs traveling to Latin America, Laos and India. She wanted to be TV reporter, so she continued traveling to Sudan, Syria, war-torn Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2008, she traveled to Somalia which was classified as "the most dangerous place on earth" where she met a long-time friend from Australia. On the fourth day they were kidnapped. The book continues with a gripping day by day account of what happens for the next 460 days.

CBS Selection: "Walking the Trail" by Jerry Lewis

In 1838, eighteen thousand Cherokees were forced to walk over 900 miles to Oklahoma where they were placed on reservations. Thousands died along what became known as The Trail of Tears. Jerry Lewis, a Cherokee, walks the trail in reverse so that he may feel a relationship with his ancestors. The book is of the people he meets, the lonely feeling of the highway and the beauty of our country. This is an interesting story that you can lay down and pick up later and not lose the thread of the story.

—Olive Norris

From the Office of Nurture

Summer is when things start to really heat up around here.

First, we have continued with the polls on Facebook with unique questions from our church history. May's question was about the founding of Troop 62 in 1912 in Glendale, Arizona. Was it the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts? The answer will be at the bottom of the update. Just a reminder, if you have a suggestion for a poll question, please send it to Christine at nurturegfumc@gmail.com.

I have continued updating the church sign each week. For the month of May, the message was primarily about the Love of God. The sign is on the corner of Glenn Drive and 58th Drive. Want to try something fun? You could take a picture of the church sign or a 'selfie' with the church sign and tag us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter: #FirstGlendale or @FirstGlendale. We would love to see you with the sign.

Finally, I am rotating the books

in the lending library at the back of the Fellowship Hall for the month of June. If you have items you would like to donate, please leave them near the books. I will add them to the online list and label them so people know where to return them. If you really liked a book, feel free to write up a review for the newsletter. Some of these books are simply wonderful, and a great activity for the summer heat. Read a review of "Walking the Trail" on the opposite page.

God Bless you and keep you safe on your travels.

—Christine Jones

The answer to the poll is the Boy Scouts. Rev. David Roberts organized the Boy Scouts in Glendale, AZ in 1912 and the Troop remained one of the oldest continuously active troops in Arizona for 100 years. The Girl Scouts were not in Arizona until 1916, in Prescott.



In April and May, members and friends of First Glendale generously donated \$63,340 to support the operation and programs of our church.

This includes our Easter offering, as well as monies received for the Brad Riner Assistance Office, capital improvements, missions, and other designated funds. We are slightly behind the amount we anticipated receiving. At this time of year, attendance is usually down due to vacations and summer heat avoidance! Members are encouraged to remember the church when they are going to be away. And of course, increased giving is always welcome.

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their continued support. A special thanks to those who gave so generously to the summer camp program—we now have more than enough to send our children and youth to camp. May GOD continue to bless our church.

Ministry Orders: Don't Be Afraid, Stay Calm and Have Faith!

It's challenging in this day and age to be a church! Or, to put it another way, it's not easy for a church to be a vital presence in the surrounding community. Truth be told, it has never been trouble-free, and honestly, it really shouldn't be! If we look back over the last 2,000 years, the church has faced many obstacles. Even on Pentecost, the birth of the Christian Church, the newly empowered disciples were dismissed by some who claimed they were intoxicated early in the day. There were only 12 followers to keep the momentum going into the future, and the religious powers of the day threatened to put them in prison if they continued talking about Jesus. We sometimes forget the challenges throughout our own long history (almost 125 years), not the least of which was considering selling the church because of financial challenges in the midst of building a new sanctuary in the 1920s. I often have to remind myself that being the church always has been, is and always will be difficult.



Consider one day in the life of Jesus and the disciples. In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus and a few followers get in a boat to continue spreading the good news to others on the other side. Soon they face gale-force winds and the boat is about to sink. The disciples, shocked that Jesus is fast asleep through their ordeal, urgently wake him, asking if he cares about their obvious distress. Jesus sat up, "gave orders to the wind and the lake." Wouldn't it be nice if Jesus would just order people and circumstances to cooperate, and make the work of the church easy?!?! But that's not how it goes. This is what Jesus tells his disciples and would tell us if he were with us in the flesh today. Don't be afraid. Stay calm, and have faith. Jesus gives us the same orders he gives to the wind and the lake, and in addition he reminds us to have faith. Faith is what gets us through challenging times. There will always be unexpected, unanticipated "storms" as we go about offering the good news of Jesus. Some will resist, systems will make ministry difficult and we may find the challenges exhausting. We may not see any progress, we might even feel like were sinking! But if we remember Jesus is in the boat with us, and we trust in him (his Spirit), the challenges that make ministry seem impossible will have less control over us...just as they did to the disciples back then. In Psalm 9:9-10 we read:

The Lord is a safe place for the oppressed—a safe place in difficult times.

Those who know your name trust you because you have not abandoned any who seek you.

Yours in the Ministry of Christ,

52nd Annual Glendale Summer Band Concert Series

Murphy Park, E. Lowell Rogers Amphitheater

8:00 pm Thursday Evenings June 7–July 26, 2018

Glendale’s favorite summer tradition is back beginning June 7th in downtown Glendale. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with their inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes. These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts. The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors and Glendale Rotary.



Deadline for the Summer Issue
June 14. Your items for the
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to the church office by 3:00 pm.
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