

Circuit Rider

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Update from the Board of Trustees

The trustees take care of the property of the church. We are blessed with a beautiful, historic campus, which requires lots of upkeep. Thanks to Frank Warriner, who volunteers many hours each week doing maintenance.

Here is a list of tasks to be done to complete our solar electrical project. Hopefully this will be done before you read this article in September:

An outage is planned for August 27, so that the other work can be done. Then the solar company will call the city to come inspect the modifications. Then APS will do an inspection and gives us a commissioning date. Then APS will install a new meter and hook our new

solar electrical system up to the grid. Then our needs will be supplied by our solar electrical panels, supplemented by APS power as needed. It has been a long process! Surely we will be celebrating its completion by Thanksgiving, if not sooner.

We have debated about water fountains, and someone broke the one by the fellowship hall door, so we decided to fix that one and move it to replace the one by the nursery, since that one is not refrigerated. We decided, and the finance team agreed, to buy a new water fountain with a bottle filler, refrigerated, to be installed next to the office, south of the sanctuary, where we had a water fountain before. I'm hoping the courtyard area will be cleaner

and tidier without a water fountain.

We need to do a "point and tuck" refurbishment of the brickwork in our sanctuary. The mortar between some of the bricks has degraded to the point where daylight can be seen through the cracks in places. We have raised over \$19,000 for this project. One estimate we got from a reputable source was \$40,000. We are looking for ways to raise the additional dollars, possibly with a grant. God will provide, in some way.

We demolished our old playground due to safety issues. Frank has been watering the tree. When cooler temperatures

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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

Update from Nurture

“Before me, even as behind, God is and all is well.”

—John Greenleaf Whittier

Welcome back from your summer, wherever you may have been.

First, we have continued with the polls on Facebook with unique questions from our church history. August’s question was a tricky one. True or false, shooting pigeons off the Methodist Church was in the police officer job description in Glendale in the 1960’s? The answer is at the bottom of this article. Just a reminder, if you have a suggestion for a poll question, please send it to Christine at nurturegfumc@gmail.com.

Now, an update on the sign on the corner of Glenn Drive and 58th Drive, it is in the process of being repaired and we hope to have it back in working order soon. I would like to thank Vernell Bootz for all her great suggestions and help.

On a positive note, the 3rd Annual All-Church Luau and Mission Fair was on August 26th. I hope you all attended. I just wanted to give a special shout out to the Education Team for arranging the event and helping to make it such a family fun experience. There were a lot of people involved and a lot of hard work went in to making this a great event. Thank you all.

Finally, I continue to post a quote and a bible verse on the Twitter and Facebook pages each week. If you have a favorite bible verse or quote you want to share with the congregation, just send it to me at nurturegfumc@gmail.com and I will add it to my list.

God bless you and keep you safe as we move into that back-to-school time.

—Christine Jones, Director of Nurture

The answer to the poll: True. One of the duties of officers was to help keep the number of pigeons down by shooting them off the roof, an interesting bit of history to be sure!



In June and July, members and friends of First Glendale generously donated \$59,132.82 to support the operation and programs of our church. This includes monies received for the Brad Riner Assistance Office, Capital Improvement, Missions, and other designated funds. With this amount received, we are behind the level of income we budgeted to receive at this point of the year.

Most of our obligations have been paid, although some items that were budgeted are being delayed until funds are available. Members are encouraged to keep current on their pledged giving. The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their continued support. May GOD continue to bless our church.

—Ted Turner, Chairman
Finance Committee

I learned at an early age the importance of showing honor. My parents modeled this in many ways. At church, they demonstrated this by never disrespecting others with unkind words. Even in challenging circumstances, my parents would meet unkind words in respectful ways. They were not perfect, but worked hard to preserve the dignity of others.

I am so grateful for the way my parents, and many others have mentored me in this effort to show honor. This

continues to be a top priority for me, and though I fall short too often, I have come to believe it is more important than achieving success in what seem to be larger accomplishments.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus lifts up the importance of honoring God and others. We in the church can sometimes forget that honoring God goes far beyond church attendance. In fact, church attendance, though vitally important, is less significant than our actions and words in and outside the church.

Your Honor

By Pastor Kim

In September we'll consider the power of our words and actions in honoring God and others. I hope you'll read the selected texts and be prayerfully considering how our actions might bring honor to God, Christ and others. I know the Spirit will help us in this important endeavor, if we trust beyond our own emotions and challenging circumstances.

Striving with you to honor God,



Worship Schedule for September 2018

- September 2:** Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Honoring God...
Read: Mark 7:1-8
- September 9:** Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Honoring Others...
Read: Mark 7:24-30
- September 16:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Honoring Jesus...
Read: Mark 8:27-30; 34-35
- September 23:** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Honoring the Vulnerable...
Read: Mark 9:33-37
- September 30:** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Honoring Other Religions...
Read: Mark 9:38-41



The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the choir room (in the office building) and sings on Sundays at the 9:00 am Traditional Worship service.

For more information, contact Larry Del Rae: ldrae@cox.net or 602-390-4624.

News and Notes

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

Independence for Elders

If you can't drive due to physical disabilities, and live in your own home or apartment, Duet may be able to brighten your life and help you remain living at home.

Duet, our congregation's partner in service, inspires and equips volunteers to provide friendly visits, calls, grocery shopping, computer training (Duet provides the computers), paperwork assistance, home repairs, and/or rides to medical appointments.

Call Duet at 602-274-5022 or visit www.duetaz.org to learn more about their free-of-charge services or to volunteer.



Our congregation is invited to join other Desert Southwest Conference churches in a 3 day home build weekend in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico!

Imagine gathering with mission and service-passionate people from a dozen or more Methodist churches to build 6 or 8 or 10 houses for low-income families.

The dates are March 1-4, 2019. (March 1 is a southbound travel day; the build will be Saturday, Sunday, Monday, March 2-4. Yes, we realize that Monday, March 4th may be a school day.) The 1Mission Base Camp is 54 miles from the border crossing at Lukeville, Arizona, on well-marked Highway 8, a popular highway for American vacationers.

This is a mission trip for people who - for financial or physical reasons - would not be able to go to Kenya or Dominican Republic or Costa Rica. This one's a drive away.

The 1Mission Base Camp is a former RV park, with dormitories, restrooms and showers, RV hook-ups, dining area, even a swimming pool. Mission trips don't get any more accommodating than this. A volunteer from Sun City said in February, "I never would have dreamed that I could do something like this. I can't wait to come back."

Individuals from churches that don't field a team can participate, too. We'll connect them with other teams.

If you are interested, contact Rebecca in the church office for an informational flyer, or contact UMWIM Coordinators Lorraine & Mike Eyer at clnmwe@gmail.com for assistance.



Hosts for Coffee Hour in September

- Sep 2..... Koinonia/Wayseekers Class
- Sep 9..... The Miller Family
- Sep 16..... UMW, Lydia Circle
- Sep 23..... United Methodist Men
- Sep 30..... Missions Team

United Methodist Women Review and Reflect

The next regular meeting of UMW will be Saturday, September 8 in Fellowship Hall, from 9:00-11:30 am. It will begin with a breakfast at 8:30 am, hosted by the Executive Board. This is the only daytime Saturday meeting for the year as regular meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

This meeting (which used to be a retreat) provides members with an opportunity to review and reflect upon activities already completed while planning for events to be held for the remainder of the year. Eva Ndavu and Linda Triolo had such a wonderful time at General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, in May that they want to share the experience with local members. Eva will focus on the overall event, while Linda will report on the workshops she attended. Reports by West District attendees will appear in the next issue of The Cactus Patch. Members who attended MissionU will also share their experiences from the Mesa classes. Topics for this year included the following: Spiritual Growth: Living as a Covenant Community; Issue Study: Climate Justice; and Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the United States. Finally, in support of the UMW commitment to justice for all, Eva Ndavu will interview Ntama-bari Mbasi (aka Charity Adoo) on what it is like being an immigrant in the United States today.

Events in October include the West District Annual Celebration with a WHEAT (World Hunger, Education, Advocacy and Training) fashion show and fair trade sales. This will be on Saturday, October 6 at Trinity UMC, Phoenix (starting at 9:00 am and including lunch). The theme for this year's celebration is "Changing the World with Courage." Registration forms will be available soon and should be submitted by September 22. All members are welcome.

Also in October is the annual Desert Southwest Conference celebration on October 27. This year's event will be at Desert Spring UMC in Las Vegas, Nevada. There will be bus transportation available for West District members (leaving from Sun City). There will be more about this in the next Circuit Rider. All members are welcome.

Meanwhile, the Executive Board has been working behind the scenes during the summer months to ensure that the UMW calendar for 2018 remains full and inspiring. Lois Miller, who heads up the Nominations Committee, has reported almost a full slate of officers for 2019. This line-up will be presented in October, and voting will be at the November meeting.

Remaining your Sister in Christ,
—Eva Ndavu

Important Upcoming Dates

Labor Day, Office Closed, September 3

New Choir Season, Sept 9

UMOM Walk at Phoenix Zoo, September 22

Family Camp, October 5-7

Charge Conference, October 11

Our Youth Group in Action!

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone that donated and/or ordered shirts from us. We really appreciate your support in helping us earn money for our mission trip next year. If you didn't get a chance to participate in the t-shirt fundraiser, don't worry. There will be more fundraising opportunities coming!

We kicked off our new year with a combined youth pool party in August! We also began our Divergent Faith series where we are learning the importance of cultivating a strong faith in Jesus - one that survives and thrives in the face of adversity. Just like Four in the Divergent movies, we don't want to be just one thing. We want to be brave (Dauntless), honest (Candor), intelligent

(Erudite), peaceful (Amity) and selfless (Abnegation). We want to be Divergent!

Our calendars are filling up with events such as helping out at UMOM, Lura Turner Homes, Golden Gate Community Center, Feed My Starving Children, and with World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. This will be our third year participating in the 30-Hour Famine! We also have several fun events planned as well (volleyball, hiking, Indiana Joe, etc). Of course, we can't forget Hanging of the Greens on November 23rd at 7:00 pm! For more information about the youth group, contact me at karen_render@yahoo.com.

—Karen Render, Youth Director

Trustees

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arrive, I want to refurbish that area with automatic water, grass and some raised beds for growing things. Some play-ground equipment would be nice. Needless to say, money is an issue. I may use some of my savings to refurbish that area, just because it would make me feel better personally. I want it to be nice for us and younger generations.

This church has been in existence almost 125 years. It attracted me 10 years ago, when I happened to come in for a free Christmas jazz concert during Glendale Glitters. I want it to be nice for future generations. The true church is the people, and I have learned United Methodists are as beautiful as our sanctuary, in their good deeds demonstrating the love of Christ, here and all over the world. The more I get to know them, the more beautiful they are. Serving as Trustee Chair is an honor and a challenge. It fits in a little with my previous experience of looking after the nuclear power plant at Palo Verde.

—Linda Triolo, Chairperson Board of Trustees

Welcome Nancy Cushman
District Superintendent & Missional Strategist

West District Laity and Clergy: join us as we welcome and celebrate the appointment of Rev. Nancy Cushman

Sunday, September 30, 4:00pm-6:00pm
 Covenant Ceremony at 4:00, Fellowship 4:30-6:00
 Lakeview UMC, 10298 W Thunderbird Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85351

A time of covenant, fellowship and goodies...
Please, no business on this night - let's celebrate Nancy!

RSVP to Carla by Sept. 24 at CWfitmire@dscumc.org

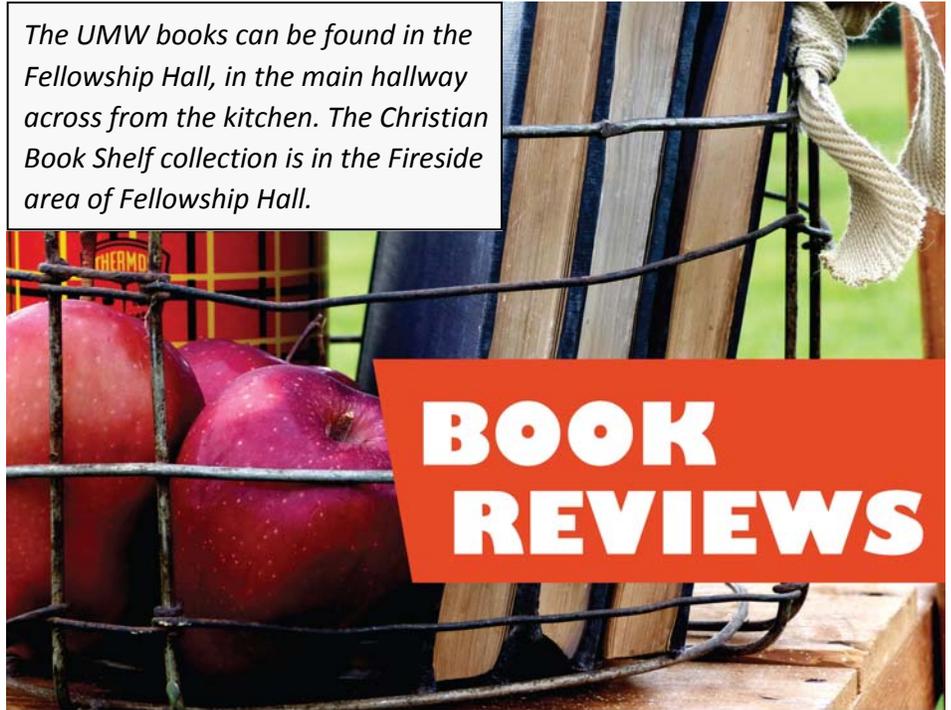
Family Camp Update

We are planning Family Camp at Lynx Lake just outside Prescott for the weekend of October 5-7. We've reserved the Osprey group site, which can accommodate up to 75 people with many tent pads and some long parking spaces for RVs. The camp has running water, flush toilets and electric outlets along with a covered eating area with lots of tables. The site is ADA compliant. We've reserved Friday and Saturday nights with departure scheduled by noon on Sunday morning. You can come for one day, both days or stay just for an afternoon. Hike to the lake or on nearby trails, go antiquing in Prescott, go fishing or take a snooze in your favorite lawn chair—it's up to you!

Watch for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour in September.



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: "Bus to Corinth" by Ladine Housholder

In this novel, four women take a trip to Greece to honor a friend that recently died. Each leave behind problems with which many of us are familiar. They travel in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, studying the two books of Corinthians and seeing where he preached. This helped them to apply Paul's lessons to their lives. They also shopped, enjoyed the food and there are Greek recipes in the back of the book! This is a sequel to the novel, "The Well Women."

CBS Selection: "Main Street Mirth" (Guideposts):

Main Street Mirth is an inspiring and funny book by Mary Hollingsworth. With more than one hundred books and a number of other products in her writing gallery, Mary is a prolific Christian author, compiler, and general editor.

Laughter is good for the soul! This group of stories, quotes and quips will have you laughing until tears run from your eyes. Enjoy and tell your friends so they can laugh also!

—Olive Norris

Annual Church Conference Scheduled for October 11, 2018

Our annual Church/Charge Conference date has been set for Thursday, October 11 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 2019. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Your attendance is important, so mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Certain staff members and 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 September 28; if possible, email them to Rebecca: rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com. You may also fax your report to 623-236-9284. If you need a copy of last year’s report for updating, email Rebecca.

Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 14. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm.
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