

Family Movie Night
Friday, October 12, 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 28, 5:00–7:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
North Parking Lot



Circuit Rider



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Brad Riner Assistance Office Partners with Girl Scouts, St. Mary's Food Bank

What I learned in the beginning of September—if you need to sell something or solicit donations—call in the Girl Scouts! You would not believe the quantity of boxed and canned foods donated by Whitney Chrisman's Girl Scout troop. It took 5 people two days to inventory and shelve all the donations! We were delighted and thought maybe we should just pur-

chase canned Vienna sausages, fruit cups and extra peanut butter for family food bags, since they were the only items in short supply. NOPE. A faithful donor sent a friend to call and shop for what we needed since he was not available to shop.

We also had a generous friend of a church member donate 5 large bags of laundered men's clothing.

By the end of September, we will be an official partner with St. Mary's Food Bank. This means we will be able to hand out emergency food boxes to those who qualify by income once a month, as well as hav-



ing the ability to “shop” weekly at the food bank for supplemental items to use in our food bags for homeless individuals and families.

Thank you so much for your faithful gifts of money, clothing and food items. We are encouraged and equipped to help so many in our community!

—Dawn Horney,
Director of Outreach



The results of the Girl Scouts' food drive

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Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 12. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm.
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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



Worship Schedule for October

October 7: **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost/
World Communion Sunday**
Jesus, the One Who Makes People Holy...
Read: Hebrews 2:10-12

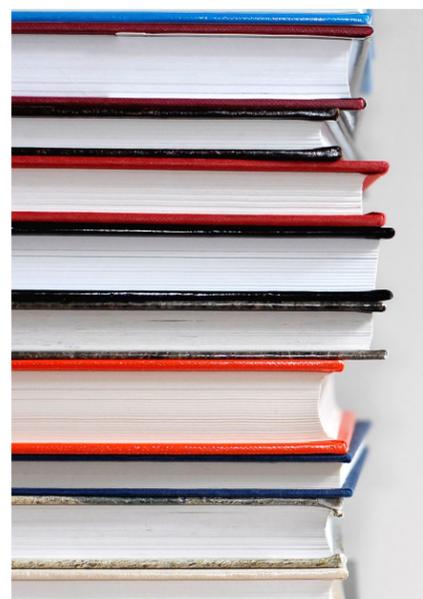
October 14: **Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost**
A Treasure in Heaven...
Read: Mark 10:17-22

October 21: **Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**
God Will Provide!
Read: Exodus 2:18-18 (foundation Exodus 16:1-20)

October 28: **Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**
Rich in Generosity!
Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

As we look toward the future and make plans for the coming year, you, like me may wonder how we will meet the challenges of ministry in a time when church seems less and less important in so many people's lives. Being an active and vital church could be so much easier if God would simply provide all that was needed! When we feel this way, it's important to return to our roots and our foundation. The Bible is filled with examples of God providing when resources grew dangerously thin.

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Book Nook

Read the UMW selection, "same kind of different As me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore (yes, the title is capitalized like that).

I wasn't going to review this book; it's from 2008 and many of you have probably already read it. Then my daughter told me that a movie version is on Netflix, and she thought I would enjoy it. So I grabbed the book and I couldn't put it down. It's a true story of a homeless former sharecropper befriended by a wealthy Christian couple serving in the kitchen of a mission. At the persistence of the wife, they become friends. Grab some tissues—it's a heart-rending story well worth reading (even if you've read it in the past). And then maybe watch the movie!

—Olive Norris

Fall Family Fun Event—Sunday, October 21

On Sunday, October 21, the Education Team is sponsoring a Family Fun event from 12:00 pm—1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will paint pumpkins, eat pizza, and watch "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" This is not a drop-off event—it's for the whole family! For more information, contact Rebecca in the church office or Christine Jones, Director of Nurture at 623-939-1409, menu option 2.



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 were due in the church office by September 28; if you have not sent yours yet, please email ASAP to 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.

United Methodist Women Fall Celebrations

The annual review and reflection meeting in September was well-attended. Eva Ndavu and Linda Triolo provided several hours of presentations, videos and discussion from their trip to General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio last May. Later, Linda Triolo and Christine Jones reported on the classes they attended at Mission u in August in Mesa. All members were encouraged to plan ahead to attend Mission u next year, West Jurisdiction quadrennial meeting in 2020, and General Assembly in 2022.

Arizona. The program also includes fair trade sale items as well as the District memorial list, the slate of officers for 2019 and a listing of local organization up-coming events.

The WHEAT clothes silo provides job-appropriate attire at a reasonable cost for those entering the job market. The clothes silo also helps economically disadvantaged women acquire jobs, succeed in the workplace, build careers and achieve the ultimate goal of an improved quality of life

for their families. Mentoring and management training also empower women towards self-sufficiency.

The annual Desert Southwest Conference celebration on October 27 is at Desert Spring UMC in Las Vegas, Nevada. All members are welcome to attend, please contact Treasurer Karleen Miller to register.

Remaining your Sister in Christ,
—Eva Ndavu, President

Events in October include the West District Annual Celebration at Trinity UMC, Phoenix (3104 W Glendale Ave) on Saturday, October 6 (starting at 9:00 am and ending around 2:00 pm; light breakfast and lunch are served). The theme for this year's celebration is "Changing the World with Courage."

The guest speaker at the Trinity West District Celebration is Dr. Tamera Zivic, Executive Director and CEO of WHEAT (World Hunger, Education, Advocacy and Training). She is a strong advocate for anti-hunger campaigns and poverty eradication throughout

Family Caregiver Symposium
 Thursday, October 18, 2018
Finding Hope

Location: First Christian Church of Phoenix
 6750 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

Cost: \$20 family caregivers; \$40 professionals
 Free on-site, non-medical, adult day care available for loved ones, provided by Beatitudes at Home. Reservations required.

Time: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (includes lunch)
 Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m.

Register: www.duetaz.org

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Worship

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This is evident in the very beginning of our faith story:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3)

When nothing existed by chaos, God provides by bringing all things into being, including human life. Try not to get caught up in "how" God did this. It's much more important to remember "why" God created. There are countless examples of God providing after creation is set into motion. Let's jump forward to the liberation of the Hebrews from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. God calls on Moses, a man who is actually a Hebrew child, rescued and raised up by the daughter of the Pharaoh who had ordered all Hebrew children to be killed. When God tells Moses to go before the powerful Pharaoh and demand that the Hebrews be released, Moses tells God of his challenge of speech:

Moses said...., "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." (Exodus 4:10)

God provides Moses the ability to speak with authority until the Hebrews are set free. Out in the desert, in their newfound freedom, the Hebrews are overwhelmed by hunger and thirst with no means to secure these basic needs. Once again, God provides. There are quail, for protein, and manna—some sort of substance to gather each morning to make bread.

Once again, try not to get sidetracked by 'how' God makes this happen. Besides, God is God! Who are we to question how He does what He does? Eventually, God provides salvation for human beings who seem unable to live God-guided lives. God becomes human and servant of all, delivering us through the grace shown in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This amazing grace can never be undone by humanity.

So here we are in 2018, still wondering how we will find the means, the energy and the courage to love like Jesus, act

God Will Provide

By Pastor Kim

for God's justice, and stay united in hope of the good news. How and where will we find the resources for this life-sustaining work?

God will provide as God has from the beginning of time. In fact, I'm certain if we look back over our own lives, we will see numerous times, places and ways God has provided for us...bringing us where we are today.

In October I invite you to prayerfully consider how we will faithfully respond in gratitude to the countless ways God has provided for us and give extravagantly to meet the challenges of ministry today. See the fall worship schedule on page 2, at left

Yours In Faith,

Holy Huddles: The Future of the UM Church

The final report of the Commission on a Way Forward has been officially released to the public. The report is 93 pages long and contains the important background information (how we got to where we are) as well as the text of the plan (One Church Plan) that was supported by a large majority of the members of the Council of Bishops and the other two plans (Connectional Conference Plan and Traditional Plan) that were considered by the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops.

In order to better understand and prayerfully share our thoughts for our Church, I am inviting you to participate in a Holy Huddle on the Future of The United Methodist Church. The Holy Huddles will be helpful to us as we watch what happens in advance of and on the floor of General Conference. The Huddles being planned will consist of two parts. The first part, designed for clergy only, will focus on sharing ideas with the clergy of the Conference about how to lead our congregations with hope amid uncertainty with Christ-like respectful conversations and prayer.

The second part of the Holy Huddle will be for both laity and clergy together. The Holy Huddles are open to all persons who want to come and participate in Christian conversations about the future of our church. We will be hearing some background material to set the stage for our Huddles, but much of our time will be spent in conversation around tables, sharing our thoughts with one another. There will also be time for questions from individuals. All of this will be bathed in a prayerful, worshipful spirit and will include holy communion as the sacramental act which unifies us.

The Holy Huddle scheduled in our area is on Saturday, October 13 from 1:00—4:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist, 3104 W Glendale Avenue in Phoenix. This is for both clergy and lay persons. For a full schedule of Holy Huddles, please visit <https://dscumc.org/2018/08/holy-huddles-on-the-future-of-the-united-methodist-church/>



The Board of Trustees is holding a work day on Saturday, October 20, beginning at 8:00 am. This is the first of monthly work days. The list of tasks we hope to accomplish is:

- Store away stacks of roof tiles
- Clean the courtyard
- Blow or rake fruit from under the mock orange trees
- Sweep the Sunday school area, clean windows
- Clean fellowship hall glass doors and windows
- Polish brass fixtures and plaques in the sanctuary

Come help maintain our house of worship...Thank you!

Update from Nurture

“Jesus is a friend who knows all your faults and loves you anyway.”
-Unknown

Fall is here, and I can feel the change in the weather, can you?

The polls on Facebook continue. September’s question is a challenge. Which of these nicknames were used for early Methodists, Bible Moths or Sacramentarians? Just a reminder, if you have a suggestion for a poll question, please send it to me at nurturegfumc@gmail.com.

In order to reach the online community better, our Facebook and Twitter messages are being spread out over the week. Monday is the Gratitude Challenge, an invitation to show your gratitude during the year. We are on week 38 of the challenge. Feel free to join in. Tuesday is the Bible verse of the week. Wednesday is the quote of the week. Thursday is the Instagram post of the church sign. Friday is the Friday Funny. This month I am posting an oxymoron on Friday. If you have a funny, clean joke for the Friday funny, let me know; I could use some suggestions. Saturday is for fun sanctuary facts and history. If you know a history fact that you want to share or really love, please pass it on. On Sunday, I post a quote from the sermon and a live one-minute video stream from the worship music.

The sign on the corner is being updated once a week. Since the repair, the messages have included “If you were waiting for a sign, this is it!”, “The best vitamin for a Christian, B1.”, “Ipod, Ipad, try I Pray. God is listening.” and “Math Lesson: 3 nails plus 1 cross = 4 given.” If you have a suggestion for a sign message, please share it with me. Thank you to Lisa Sanchez for a message suggestion.

God bless you and keep you safe as we move into fall.

—Christine Jones, Director of Nurture

The answer to the poll: BOTH! Early Methodists were referred to as both Bible Moths and Sacramentarians. Bible Moths refers to all the time spent in studying scripture, and sacramentarian refers to the frequent taking of communion.



In August, members and friends of First Glendale generously donated \$28,882.18 to support the operation and programs of the church. This includes monies received for the Brad Riner Assistance Office, Capital Improvement, Missions, and other designated funds. With this amount, 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. The most glaring of the delayed expenses are 1) hiring of a maintenance tech, and 2) paying our apportionments on time. We have made 6 apportionment payments so far this year.

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their continued support. May GOD bless our church and its ministries.

—Ted Turner, Chairman
Finance Committee