

Circuit Rider

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A Fun, Successful Mardi Gras Celebration

The Mardi Gras dinner and jazz concert on March 5 was well attended, and people have told me they really enjoyed it. I was really happy with how it went. After paying the band, we cleared \$967 for the Brick by Brick fund to restore our historic sanctuary. I was thrilled. I was hoping for \$1,000 and that is close! One donor gave over \$90. Thank you to the donors and to everybody



Mardi Gras "King Cakes" for dessert

who bought tickets and came out to participate! Thank you to Treasa Birchett, who sold tickets three Sundays in a row, plus at the door!

Thank you to Pastor Kim and Pastor Tom, who worked hard on the gumbo. Also, thank you to Vesta Roper and David Mosley who helped chop vegetables on Monday, before the funeral.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate (after the funeral) and everyone who helped clean up afterwards on Tuesday! We used our ceramic dishes and stainless forks and spoons, not paper and plastic, so we did a lot of washing up.



Mardi Gras Dinner and Jazz Concert

We turned out the lights and left at 8:50 pm, which is what I was hoping for, and quite an accomplishment. As they say, many hands make short work!

I heard that same phrase a lot on Saturday (March 9) as well, when we had our work day. We did a lot of clean up in and around the church and grounds. You should take a look at our old playground area and see the huge difference. Thank you to everyone who came and worked!

—Linda Triolo



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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



APRIL 2019
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent*Be An Interrupter for God...*

Read: John 12:1-11

April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday*A Mistaken Interruption*

Read: Luke 19:28-40

April 18: Holy Thursday (7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall)*An Interruption of the Passover Celebration*

Read: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 19: Good Friday (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)*An Interruption of Life*

Read: John 18:1-19:42

April 21: Easter Sunday*The Interruption That Changed Everything!*

Read: Luke 24:1-12

Sunrise Service (6:00 am, in the Courtyard)

Breakfast (6:45-8:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall)

Prelude Service (8:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall)

Easter Cantata (9:00 am, in the Sanctuary)

Rise Up with Jesus (10:10 am, Fellowship Hall)

Blended Worship (11:11 am, in the Sanctuary)

April 28: Second Sunday of Easter*Seeing Isn't Believing!*

Read John 20:19-31

Coffee Hour Hosts

We have made some changes to the Coffee Hour schedule for 2019. The following is the updated list for April and May.

Apr 7: OPEN**Apr 14: UMW—Esther Circle****Apr 21: United Methodist Men
(Easter Breakfast)****Apr 28: UMW—Lydia Circle****May 5: Trustees****May 12: UMM (Mother's Day)****May 19: UMW—Esther Circle****May 26: Koinonia/Wayseekers**

There are still some dates needing to be filled—if your group or committee would be willing to host one coffee hour, or one additional coffee hour, please call Rebecca in the office at 623-939-1409, or see Rosie Miller.

If we have open dates that are not filled, we will try “**Doughnut Sundays**” where we will purchase doughnuts and sell them for 50-cents each.



Youth Page

FUNDrive! April 28, 8:00 am—12:00 noon

Spring is here and our youth group is as busy as bees trying to raise money for our mission trip! First up ... FUNDrive! Spring cleaning time is here! What will you do with everything you no longer need or want? Donate it to the youth group!

We will be collecting all kinds of items: clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, accessories (hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags, belts, jewelry), CDs, DVDs, media, electrical items, toys, games, kitchen items, knick-knacks, and sporting goods for our FUNDrive.



Please bring all of your donations to the Fellowship Hall on April 28 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. All goods collected through the FUNDrive will be sold to Savers, the parent company to great thrift stores like Value Village, Unique, and Savers. They pay us by the pound for every qualifying donation received. In turn, these items help keep their floors freshly stocked.

Burritos and Cookbook...

The youth will be serving a Cinco de Mayo burrito buffet after worship services on Sunday, May 5, beginning at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is also a fundraiser for our mission trip—tickets will go on sale later in the month.



This summer, we will begin collecting recipes for our cookbook that will coincide with our 125th anniversary coming up in October. Now is the time to start gathering all of your favorite recipes together... especially the ones that make every church potluck so delicious! Watch for more information in the newsletter and bulletins.

30-Hour Famine

In addition to fundraising for our mission trip, we will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine again this year. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Donations this year will be sent to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We will be heading to New Song UMC (16303 W Bell Rd, Surprise) to participate in the famine along with other west valley youth groups on April 27th and 28th. We ask that you pray for all of us as well as our event.

Donations can be turned in to any youth group member. We will be ending our famine around noon on April 28th with communion followed by a pot luck. All are welcome to join us in ending the 30 Hour Famine!



From the Office of Nurture...

This has been a busy time for the office of Nurture!

You may have heard a rumor that a charter school has decided to rent our facilities. Well, I can confirm the rumor is true.

Alexander Hamilton Community School: A Challenge Foundation Academy will be joining us very soon. More information can be found below.

The Education Team is doing something special for Easter this year. We have a “mini-VBS” style event planned for Easter Sunday, *Rise Up With Jesus* from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. This event will include interactive activities, games, and fun for families in the Fellowship Hall. This is our first attempt at something like this, so

come out and help us make it a success. Let me know if you want to help out.

And of course, the Education Team continues to work on VBS for this year. It is just around the corner, June 3—June 7, 2019. Remember, dinner is at 5:30 and VBS begins at 6:00 pm. To register for VBS or sign up as a volunteer, please visit our VBS website, <https://vbspro.events/p/events/glendalefirst>. We need you to sign up early so we can better plan for food.

Adult VBS will be the week after ROAR: June 10—June 14, 6:00 to 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. I will be leading a group study, “*Living the Five*,” which focuses on The Great Commandment

and The Great Commission. I am really looking forward to leading this study. I hope you will join me.

Finally, I want to give a reminder that there is a Library in the Fellowship Hall. The closet to the left of the Koinonia Wayseeker’s class (Fireside in the Fellowship Hall) is a contemporary library of donated books from which anyone can borrow. If you aren’t sure where they are, just ask Fil or Kim Thorn or any of the Wayseekers, they will point you in the right direction.

God bless you and keep you safe.

—Christine Jones

Charter School Partnership

The Board of Trustees and the Director of Nurture are working on finalizing a lease agreement with Alexander Hamilton Community School to enable them to utilize space in our education buildings. Over the next few months, Alexander Hamilton will be preparing most of our Sunday school rooms to accommodate students on our campus Monday–Friday beginning in July. They hope to start using Room 105 as an enrollment office as early as next month! They are eager to start.

Room 101 will remain a general meeting room for our church committees and the Nursery and Resource Room (204) will be retained for church use. All remaining classrooms will become shared space. Watch for more news as we learn the ins and outs of sharing space. Alexander Hamilton is hoping to use our site to launch their charter school for one school year only.

If you have questions, email Christine Jones or come to the Trustee Meetings, the first Monday of each month. Meetings start at 6:00 pm.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camps are amazing experiences for spiritual growth and leadership development for children, youth, and adults! This coming year, we have a great variety of summer camp options being hosted at Mingus Mountain Methodist Camp and Retreat Center (outside of Prescott, AZ) and Potosi Pines Methodist Camp (outside of Las Vegas, NV). You can get more information, or register now, by visiting the camping website at www.dscamps.org.

In addition to the many options for classic camp this summer, there are several exciting and/or new opportunities. These include:

Younger Elementary Camp: Younger campers will experience time together in God's creation, taking part in many classic camp activities. Join us for a great opportunity for younger campers to gain a bit of independence and build self-esteem in a safe and well-supervised setting. Come find out what camping at Potosi Pines is all about!

This is a short, 2 night camp (Thurs-Sat) designed for both our youngest campers and first time campers entering grades 1-3 (Fall 2019).

Senior High Leadership Camp: this specialty camp is for 14 Senior High youth campers interested in learning and growing as leaders. Campers will take time to provide leadership at some activities at our concurrent Elementary Camp (Mingus Mountain, June 17-22). **Because of limited availability, this session will fill quickly.**

Adventure Camps: for both Junior High and Senior High Youth, are back this summer at Potosi Pines. These 5 day, 4 night camps are about developing personal independence in an adventurous setting. These specialty camps focus on hiking skills including basic first aid, compass skills, and how to have great adventures together.

Be sure to register early, as space may be limited. You can **register online at www.dscamps.org** or contact Dina Reid, the Camp Registrar, at dreid@dscumc.org or 602-266-6956, ext. 215.

A reminder to parents registering their kids for camp: please contact Rebecca in the church office before you register if you want the church to help with camp fees. Any questions, please call the church office 623-939-1409 or email rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com.

Camp Bus to Mingus Mountain

This summer, transportation to Mingus Mountain Camp will be offered on the camp bus.

The bus will pick up campers in the Tucson area at 9:30 am the day of camp at Catalina United Methodist Church (2700 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716). The bus will continue to the Phoenix area and pick up campers at noon at the United Methodist Center (1550 E. Meadow-brook Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85014), then continue to Mingus Mountain.

The bus will leave Mingus Mountain at the close of camp and reach the United Methodist Center in Phoenix at noon, then continue to Tucson, arriving at Catalina United Methodist Church at 2:30 pm.

The cost for each one way bus ride to or from camp is \$25. Space on the bus is limited – register soon to reserve your seat.

Each year, the West District prays for all the churches in its jurisdiction for one month. In April, please pray for:

**Dove of the Desert UMC
Epworth UMC
Faith UMC
First UMC, Glendale**

Update from the Finance Committee

In February, members and friends of First Glendale generously donated \$35,355 to support the operation and programs of our church. This is only 90% of our monthly giving estimate we used in the 2019 budget. This total includes money received for the General Fund, the Riner Assistance Office, Capital Improvements, Missions, Brick-by-Brick, Youth Fund, and other designated funds. Of the amount donated nearly \$8,000 was earmarked for the Brick-by-Brick fund for the renovation of our sanctuary. Thanks to all you who donated during the 90-year anniversary celebration. On the expense side, our expenses were lower in February, but we are still running a monthly deficit, and we are still unable to make our second apportionment payment.

We had a budgeting issue which we first realized in February. It is a bit complicated, but I will keep it as simple as possible. If I asked you how many weeks are in a year, what would your answer be? Everyone will say, 52. But that is not strictly correct, since $7 \times 52 = 364$ days and a year is 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year). So how does that affect budgeting? The answer is when we budget salaries, we budget for 52 weeks. But what about the extra day? The unbudgeted, extra days will roll over and accumulate one or two (don't forget leap years) days a year until ...

Our employees are paid every two weeks, or 26 paychecks a year. That's two per month except for two months when they will get three paychecks. Everyone who is paid weekly or biweekly is familiar with this concept. But what about the unbudgeted days? The employees are still paid of course; we have just not accounted for the unbudgeted days accumulating. However, 2019 will end with 14 extra, unbudgeted days which have accumulated over the last decade. But, wait, 14 days is two weeks; does that mean employees will get another paycheck? Yes, that is exactly what it means. In 2019 our employees will be getting 27 paychecks (3 paychecks in January, July, and December). It is time to pay the piper for all of those unbudgeted days over the past years.

So we had to increase our expenses to cover 27 instead of 26 paychecks. Ouch! If there is any consolation, in 2020 we reset the number of unbudgeted days back to zero. So this problem won't occur again until the year 2030 (if my calculations are correct). Perhaps one of you will remember this issue and will remind the then finance chairman to allow for an extra paycheck. And finally, like any other politician, I will lay the blame for this on my predecessor, Ted Turner. Just kidding, Ted.

Whew! I can hear some of you say, too much information, David. But as you know, I firmly believe this is your church, and you have the right to know how we are doing financially at any time. So, if you have any questions, no matter how big or how small, regarding the budget or finances of the church, I strongly encourage you to ask. You will get your answer.

May GOD continue to guide and bless our church.

—David Mosley, Chairman of the Finance Committee

9th Annual DOG DAYS OF GLENDALE

Saturday, April 6, 2019
8am - Noon
Murphy Park

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Community Outreach Dog

Interactive Prize Cube

Activities Subject to Change

Accepting Donations For
Animals in Disaster
Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry



Our church will be blessing
pets during this event.
Want to help? See Pastor Kim,
or contact the church office
623-939-1409.

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UMW Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 12:30 pm



Tickets are now on sale for the UMW Spring Luncheon on May 4 at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adult tickets are \$12; under 12 are \$7. The lunch will be catered by Sign of the Thymes, and we will have raffle items to benefit Maggie's Place and Justa Center.



Easter Cantata

Easter Sunday, April 21st
during the 9:00 am
worship service
in the Sanctuary

Deadline for the May issue is April 12. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm. email: rebecca@glendalfirstumc.com fax: 623-236.9284

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