

Circuit Rider



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UMW Spring Luncheon

Thanks to everyone who participated in the UMW Spring Luncheon—whether you were in the fashion show, donated items, helped serve and clean up, or just bought tickets! It was a great success. See photos from the event below and to the right...



Worship Team Thanks

“Worship is the work of the people—all the people”. This is one of the guiding principles given in the Guidelines for Worship by the General Board of Discipleship for effective worship committee work. We take this direction very seriously during our planning and discussions during the Worship Committee meetings.

We all on the committee hope that everyone enjoyed the decorations and music presented during the Lent/Easter season. Please let anyone on the committee know if there are suggestions for the celebration next year.

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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

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Alexander Hamilton Community School is partnering with Daniel Martinez from the Drug Elimination and Family Awareness Program (DEFAP) to put on an informative community event for Glendale families **on June 21, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Community Night will bring together educational and community resources in the areas of early childhood development, the arts, colleges and healthcare, as well as showcase our new school.

Coffee Hour Hosts

We have made some changes to the Coffee Hour schedule for 2019. See the upcoming dates below:

June 2: Chancel Choir

June 9: OPEN

June 16: UMW (Father's Day)

June 23: UMM

June 30: Missions

July 7: Chancel Choir

July 14: OPEN

July 21: Capital/Finance Team

July 28: UMM

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 do “**Donut Sundays**” where we will purchase donuts and sell them for 50-cents each.



53rd Annual Glendale Summer Band Concert Series

Murphy Park, E. Lowell Rogers Amphitheater
8:00 pm Thursday Evenings June 6–July 25, 2019*

Glendale’s favorite summer tradition is back beginning June 6th 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. The amphitheater was carefully designed so that evening concert patrons will have the sun blocked by the building, which makes the temperature much more comfortable!



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.

The concert series is every Thursday from June 6-July 25, except the Patriotic Concert. *The Patriotic performance is on Wednesday, July 3rd. Admission and parking are free.

Our Missions Team would like to recognize those who were able to help us with our activities this year.

The first Sundays of several months have been busy with preparing and serving meals at the Halle Women’s shelter in east Phoenix. Thank you to Karen Render and the Youth for driving the church van and serving the dinner. Thank you to Rosie, Karleen, and Roberta Miller, Debbie Herrera and Becky Miller for purchasing the food and helping prepare the meals. Thanks to Carole De-Cosmo for all the cakes you’ve been baking. Carole visited the shelter in May, and the ladies gave “the cake lady” a huge round of applause.



We recently had a collection of underwear, sock and T-shirts for the Brad Riner Office and the Justa Center. Thank you for all who donated items.

We are sorry to say good-bye to Dawn Horney. Thank you for all the ways you’ve helped the Brad Riner program serve those in need, and collaborated with the Missions Committee. You will definitely be missed.

We look forward to serving a dinner at Vacation Bible School this month.

—Jeanne Rumbold, Chairperson

Update from the Finance Committee

In April, members and friends of First Glendale generously donated \$38,304 to support the operation and programs of our church. This total includes money received for the Easter offering, the General Fund, the Riner Assistance Office, Capital Improvements, Brick-by-Brick, Youth Fund, Camp Scholarship Fund, and other designated funds. This number is an improvement over last month's number, and more of the money was directed towards the general fund. On the expense-side, our expenses were again running lower than we estimated, and April was an income positive month. Our balance improved enough that we were able to make our April apportionment payment (after missing February and March). Furthermore, our month-ending balance allowed us to make our May apportionment payment as well. We have made three payments so far this year.

As promised, this article will share information about apportionments and why they are so important to the United Methodist Church. First, what are apportionments? The Desert Southwest Conference sets an annual budget. The annual budget is then divided or apportioned between the 118 churches which make up the conference. So our apportionment is the part which First Glendale owes. This year our annual conference support is \$56,069 (about 1/7 of our annual budget). This amount is determined by three things: (1) The total conference budget; (2) Our average membership; and (3) Our annual expenses. The conference budget will be set and approved at the upcoming DSW Annual Conference in June. The other two factors reflect the size and vitality of our churches. In 2019, every member of any United Methodist Church in the DSW conference costs their church about \$122. And every dollar spent on expenses costs their churches about 10¢ in apportionments. We are the 8th largest church of the 33 churches in the West district, so correspondingly, we get a larger piece of the apportionment pie.

All who attended our church's celebration for our 90-year-old sanctuary heard our Bishop, Robert Hoshibata, say two things regarding apportionments: First, he thanked First Glendale for making 100% of our apportionment payments in 2018. This is an outstanding achievement—only a minority of the churches accomplish it. So, I want to repeat his thank you on behalf of the Financial Committee. Thank you for our donations and support which enabled First Glendale to reach this milestone in 2018. Now we need to dedicate ourselves to repeating it in 2019.



The second thing Bishop Bob told us was the true meaning of apportionments.

“Apportionment” means “A portion meant for others.” And that is exactly the case. Every dollar we send to the DSW conference is apportioned this way:



- 2¢ is for training and church revitalization
- 5¢ is for camping and outdoor ministries
- 8¢ for new faith communities
- 5¢ for UMOM, Wesley Community Center, and the Justa Center
- 4¢ for financially-challenged churches
- 1¢ for the School of Theology at Claremont
- 5¢ for campus ministries at universities and community colleges
- 15¢ for conference structure
- 12¢ for pension and health benefits



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Worship Team *(Continued from page 1)*

Treasa Birchett has agreed to join the liturgy team as a permanent member, joining Eva Ndavu, Janice Sanders, and Micki Barnhart on the team. Please support them all in their excellent work every Sunday morning. Also, join me in thanking the Chancel Choir for their hard work, providing wonderful music during worship. They give their time and energy for our enjoyment. They will soon be enjoying a well deserved summer vacation. Thanks again to all the members of the Worship Team for all they do and to the members of the congregation for their support in those efforts.

—Linda Hardesty, Chairperson

2019 Desert Southwest Annual Conference

Genesis 9:12-16 | Colossians 3:12-17



#DSCUMC

June 13-16, 2019

Mesa Convention Center, 263 N Center St, Mesa, AZ 85201

For all the information about 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, 623-939-1409 option 2 or rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com

Welcome to Summer!

Things continue to be very busy in the Office of Nurture.

With the Alexander Hamilton School moving in, we are beginning to make changes to some of the rooms and there will be a change to Fellowship Hall. While the school is in residence, the Youth Fellowship group have kindly agreed to move to the fireside area of Fellowship Hall, which means you may see some lovely soft seating in the north east end of the hall. We all really appreciate the sacrifice the Youth are making to help make this transition smooth.

Speaking of helping, I would also like to share my appreciation of the Koinonia/Wayseekers class, as they agreed to meet in the middle area of Fellowship Hall to make this change possible. Adjustments will occur as we continue to transition towards a shared facility. Finally, I would like to give a shout out to the Education Team for their flexibility as the Sunday School Rooms go through numerous changes. Everyone is doing their best to be open and welcoming while dealing with change. Knowing how hard it can be to deal with change gracefully, I want to say a great big THANK YOU to all of you who have been so gracious and kind as we make these changes.

The Education Team is ready for this year's VBS celebration, ROAR. Remember, dinner is at 5:30 and VBS begins at 6pm. I will see you there! To register for VBS or sign up as a volunteer, please visit our VBS website, <https://vbspro.events/p/events/glendalefirst> . A special thank you to those of you who have already signed up. Thank you for making it easier for us to plan.

Remember, in order to make sure we have enough volunteers for VBS, the Adult VBS will be the week after ROAR: June 10 through June 14 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. I will be leading a group study on Living the Five, which focuses on The Great Commandment and The Great Commission. I am really looking forward to doing this study with you. I hope you will come. There will be no dinner, but drinks will be available. We will stay in the stage side of Fellowship Hall.

God bless you and keep you safe in your summer travels.

—Christine Jones

Finance Report

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- 5¢ for communications
- 7¢ for connectional and outreach ministries
- 18¢ for the worldwide United Methodist Church

Many of you, I daresay, were born into the Methodist Church. Not so for me. For me it was a choice. I was raised a Baptist, and I learned over the years that Baptist churches are inward looking. They are not connected as the Methodists are. True, they send a few hundred dollars to a handful of foreign missionaries, but it comes down to what a single church can do. With the Methodists, we are all pulling together. We are combining our resources through our apportionments, and we are changing the world for Jesus Christ. And that is why I strongly feel that our apportionments are important.

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

Speaking of God...

We speak of God in a variety of ways. Sometimes we share how we felt God's presence in a difficult time, or we tell someone of our awareness of God's power in the beauty of nature. Our prayers for others are an expression of God's mercy. When we courageously speak against injustice, we are proclaiming the concerns of our God. The way we live, what we say and do and how we treat others, are all reflections of what we think and believe about God.

This is why John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, said a Christian's life must be a reflection of God. Remember that childhood song, "If You're Happy and You Know It?"

*If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands,
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands,
If you're happy and you know it,
then your face will surely show
it!
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands!*

This song was fun and easy to sing. It was also repetitive enough to remember. But living or speaking of God is easier said than done! How we act or react will show and tell the world what we think about God. It reminds

me of another song, "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love." Though it is not easy or simple to love like Jesus, it is the most consistent way we reveal our Christianity to the world.

In John 14, Jesus tells his disciples, "I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these." (John 14: 12)

How could you and I do something greater than Jesus,

when we struggle to love like him? Only through the Holy Spirit, a gift from God, can our lives reflect Jesus' life and love. On the 9th of June, Pentecost, we will celebrate and give God thanks for the wonderful gift of the Spirit. The more we trust in the Spirit, the more our lives will be a reflection of God.

Striving with you,



Worship Schedule for June 2019

- June 2: **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Knowing God... (Rev. Kim Gladding)
Read: Ephesians 1:15-23
- June 9: **Pentecost (wear red)**
Knowing God...
(Rev. Kim Gladding)
Read: Acts 2:1-8, 12-15
- June 16: **Trinity Sunday**
Gifts of Wisdom (Christine Jones)
Read: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- June 23: **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
(Linda Triolo)
- June 30: **Third Sunday after Pentecost**
(Lyle Clark)



Vacation Bible School
June 3, 2019 — June 7, 2019
05:30 pm — 08:30 pm



First United Methodist Church of Glendale is delighted to host ROAR, the 2019 Vacation Bible School. VBS is a week long event with games, music, and lots of fun. Dinner is at 5:30 and VBS begins at 6:00 pm.

As always, our VBS is free of charge, though donations are welcome. Please sign up with our online registration system so we can plan for appropriate numbers for dinner: vbspro.events/p/glendalefirst

Note: Adult VBS will be a separate event. It will be June 10 – June 14, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will not be offered for Adult VBS, but beverages will be available.

Deadline for the August Issue is July 12. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm. email: rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com fax: 623-236.9284

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