



Grief Support Group

Grief recovery, finding more joy!

The Grief group is open to anyone who would like to come. We have been using several books as guidance and they have been very helpful. If you have a friend who has experienced a loss of a loved one, loss of health, loss of job, or any grieving, they are all welcome to come. Our goals are to work through recovery and find lots of ways to have joy! We meet in Fellowship Hall near the doors to the parking lot on Sundays after church at 11:30 am and Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!



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Celebrating a Birthday

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2:1-4

As April transitions to May, the warmer months of Summer are almost upon us. And here at First Glendale, and in virtually every other Christian congregation around the world, the month of May will bring the day of Pentecost, the occasion when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ followers gathered in Jerusalem, shortly after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension. The day of Pentecost marks one of the most important milestones

in the history of the Christian faith. Although there already was a growing group of Jesus’ followers after His resurrection, Acts 2 describes how the Holy Spirit came as “Tongues of fire” to those of all nations in Jerusalem, enabling them to hear and understand God’s message to them in their own languages. Peter then exhorted those gathered to be baptized in the name of Christ and receive the Holy Spirit, and

approximately three thousand people did so that day, marking what is considered to be the birth of the Christian Church.

When we celebrate a birthday in our families or with friends, we want to have a joyous celebration, and we usually do so for one or more of these reasons: 1. We want to remember and celebrate the occasion of their birth, and what a gift

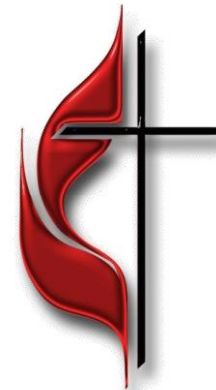
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A Birthday Celebration

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that day was to their immediate and extended family; 2. We want to acknowledge accomplishments in their life, either in physical growth and/or in learning new skills in younger years, or in personal or professional growth as an adult; and 3. We want to celebrate who they are, and how they bring joy and love to our lives, whatever age they may be. And whether we're celebrating in person or from a distance, we often share a card and/or a gift with those we honor, as an expression of what that person means to us.

As we approach and celebrate Pentecost, I invite you to join me in considering all that our Christian faith, and our Church Family, mean to us. And in a similar way to how we celebrate the birthdays of family members and friends, I invite us to consider: 1. What the beginnings of our faith journey were, and how those experiences were meaningful; 2. How we have grown in our faith in recent months, and/or consider how we would *like* to grow in the coming year; and 3. All the ways that we appreciate our First Church family. And, if we feel moved to do so, I also invite us to bring a gift to our Congregation on the day of Pentecost, remembering that our United Methodist faith tradition asks us to support our Church Home with our presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness.

It's a Birthday! Let's celebrate! And let's give thanks for all that our faith, and our Church Family, bring to our lives.

In Christ's Service,

Tom Jelinek, Pastor



Fortnightrs



Thursday, May 14 at 11 am in Fellowship Hall

Fortnighters meets for fun food and fellowship and a short program. Back by popular demand this month's program will be presented by our pastor and resident DJ Tom Jelinek. Who will treat us to some of the greatest musical hits from the late sixties and seventies. Come and enjoy old friends –make new friends – a delicious potluck and great music from the past. Sign up in Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

9:00 am in Room 103

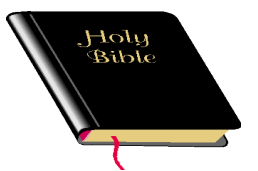
The Adult Class has just begun a new study by Adam Hamilton entitled "Wrestling with Doubt". It will be a study that will speak to anyone who has ever questioned or struggled with their faith. The class is led by Judge Gerald Williams, and all are welcome to join in!



Prelude Worship

Sundays at 8 am in Room 101

Prelude is a wonderful way to start your day! Led by Lyle Clark this informal service includes beautiful music videos, a time of prayer, a short devotion and Holy Communion. Coffee is always available so see you at Prelude this Sunday!



MISSION News

Commission on Missions

Missions has been busy this past month. We volunteered for the Family Fun Day. We hosted the Fellowship time one Sunday. We are looking for summer activities. We gave \$500 to the mission trip the youth are making to Cortez, Colorado. We are also looking at camp Mingus for scholarships for youth who plan to attend. We will also be serving one evening meal for VBS in June. Let us know if you have ideas for other mission activities.

Jeanne Rumbold, Chairman

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School June 3-7

It's that time again!!! Our annual VBS.

This years dates are 6/3-6/7, dinner starts at 5:30 and the action begins at 6pm and runs till 8:30pm.

We always offer VBS free to all children so any donations you could make in order to help make this a success will be greatly appreciated.

We need folks to make the meals. Jeanne Rumbold is in charge of organizing that so if you are interested please see her.

We need adult group leaders and helpers for the lessons. You can let me know by emailing the church office or calling my cell phone.

Judge Gerald will be leading the Adult Bible study! This will be held after dinner each night. Please sign up for that so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

We need help setting up and decorating if your interested in that also let me know.

Last year we had a fantastic turn out and hope to have an even larger turn out this year! Come join the fun!

Lisa Sanchez



Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 5th — Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 98:1-9, John 15:9-17

Sermon: "The Love Legacy"

Sunday, May 12th — Ascension Sunday/ 7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: "Completely Prepared"

Sunday, May 19th — Pentecost Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2:1-17

Sermon: "God With Us"

Sunday, May 28th — Trinity Sunday/1st Sunday in Kingdomtide

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Sermon: "Three Faces of God"



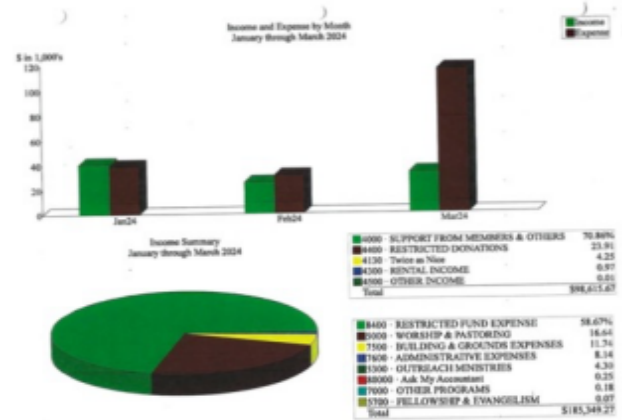
May Report - Church Council Activities

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Who knew that the ultimate word on “teamwork” is referenced in the Bible? As we all know, it’s always good to have a backup and/or a team member who can step up to assist when needed. Thankfully, our Church Council is just such the team! It’s depth of knowledge, talent and engaging dialogue always enrich decisions to ensure Glendale First United continues to meet its mission. We are blessed with many who have unique talents. Here is your May update on its recent Meeting -

- o The first quarter (January – March) **Finance Report** was conducted and again, with the exception of a few items, the overall scenario was positive. It is important to note that the quarterly report did not reflect a needed and approximate \$84,000 transfer from our investment account into our operating account. Hence, expenses for the current “Brick by Brick” project in March created an “out of balance” operating fund for March. Rest assured; by the time you receive this, the available funds will have been transferred and expenses covered. There were a few other categories in the detail report such as capital expenses, subscriptions, etc., that the Finance Committee will keep its eye on as we continue through the year. Again, feel free to ask any questions as to where or how your financial contributions are being used by the church or any of the detail. Your contributions do make a huge difference and they are very appreciated!



- o We did have various committee reports...**the Trustees** shared information on various improvements made to the campus – i.e. – new railings, door handles, pigeon control at the mechanical room, and various inspection related items to the **Brick by Brick project**...speaking of which, all work related to this massive project is on track and doing well – the church stabilization is complete, brickwork is being repaired, painting has occurred, new railings have been installed, and the front door to the Sanctuary is being refurbished. Work will continue but is beginning to wind down...the **Outreach and Hospitality Committee** reviewed the great success of the March Family Fund time event and is planning another family fun “evening” type of event for May.
- o A proposed **three-month calendar of events** for Glendale FUMC was reviewed and approved. All in attendance were asked to submit any changes for the balance of April and the months of May – June. It is the intent to have this calendar shared with Church membership to provide everyone with a “look down the road” regarding church activities.
- o If he looks a little frazzled...over the past month, **Pastor Jelinek** reported that he spent a total of 26 days in ministry and performed 95 different functions such as scripting all sermons, creating PowerPoint slides, preparing church bulletins, attended the WOW services, and conducting several pastoral calls (visits). He expressed his gratitude and thanks to all who participated in Holy Week and Easter Sunday. He further indicated that in late April to early May, he will be attending the General UMC Conference in Tucson, and it will also be live-streamed.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for the May 13, 2024, 7 p.m. Church Council meeting!



The Brad Riner Assistance Office

The Brad Riner Assistance Office was started by family and friends of Brad Riner as a tribute and memorial to Brad who died too young. What an amazing memorial the Brad Riner Assistance office is. For 45 years it has been providing food, clothing, comfort, referrals and utility assistance to those in need.

Thank you to The First United Methodist Church of Glendale that continues to support and donate to the Riner Office and it is because of your support that the Brad Riner Office has been able to help hundreds of people over the years.

Today I want to ask for your support in donating can goods, water, clothing, shoes Or anything you have that will help The Brad Riner Assistance Office.

This year alone (January – April) the Brad Riner Office has assisted 86 to 106 individuals a day. We provide 100 sack lunches each day. We provide food boxes for families and food bags of ready to eat foods for the homeless.

All your support is greatly appreciated thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Liz Murcia-Chavez

