



First United Methodist Church of Sun City

First Word

MAY / JUNE 2018



MAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING TO BENEVILLA



Benevilla is a non-profit started by the community in 1981 which seeks to help those who may be isolated and need assistance to maintain their independence. They provide much needed support and resources for older adults, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, children and their families. They provide family caregivers with resources and education that help them on their caregiving journey: adult day programs, daily home task services, home-delivered meals, referral services, child day care, parenting classes, social gatherings at Birt's Bistro, and volunteer opportunities. Stop by Birt's Bistro on Greasewood Street in Surprise and have one of their delicious wraps. Not only have a great lunch, but help Benevilla at the same time.

June's Communion Offering to Community and Member Assistance



This fund primarily assists church members and their families with emergency assistance for medical and other needs. Have you ever had a sudden expense come up and didn't know how you would pay for it? That is the purpose of this fund and is provided for the members of First United Methodist Church. You are helping your church family. All requests are kept confidential. Some persons want to pay back when they can and others are not able to. This fund also provides financial support to the Salvation Army and others that need emergency financial assistance. This is a more accountable way of helping people than responding to requests from persons stopping by the church asking for help or phone calls.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - SUN CITY



LUCILLE HATHCOCK....calls Concordia, Kansas, home, but she's been all over the world because her late husband served in the Air Force! When they reached Arizona, he became fire chief at Gila Bend office at Luke Air Force Base. Lucille retired after 41 years in nursing; she worked mainly for Sun Health all over the Valley and was on-call with Boswell, Thunderbird and St. Joe's. While living in California, she became friends with a kennel owner who bred Japanese Chins; these became Lucille's true love. She now shows her two dogs all over the state! And when she's home she enjoys reading and watching TV.



JACKIE KRUTZ....was born in Iowa, grew up in Nebraska, lived in Kansas and Washington – and traveled all over the country in a travel trailer! She winters here in Arizona and summers in Seattle, where she can be near her 3 daughters and their families (one of whom is Nancy Lentz). Actually she is responsible for Nancy and Ron coming to Arizona, since she and her late husband followed the Seattle Mariners baseball team which holds spring training here. Jackie enjoys bridge, painting and reading political mystery novels. But her best story is that she actually rode a horse to school as a youngster!



RON & NANCY LENTZ....hail from Seattle, where they keep eyes on a blended family of 5 kids and 6 grandkids (and Nancy's mom, Jackie Krutz). Nancy spent 32 years at Bank of America while Ron was in banking, sales and became a certified life coach at a mental health facility. In Arizona, Nancy is learning bridge (having watched her folks play pinochle at the kitchen table) and jewelry-making, while Ron makes plans for a summer fishing expedition in Alaska or Canada (salmon and tuna - and trout, but he throws those back after he catches them). And yes, they root for the Mariners too.



"THE SONG IS ALIVE!" CONCERT

Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church's very own Halos Youth Choir will be presenting a musical production on Sunday, May 20th, at 2:00 p.m. Be sure to put this on your calendar and invite your family, friends and neighbors to hear this energetic group.

Message from the Pastor

I was recently visiting with a member of the church who was lamenting that they could not volunteer any more, or do the things to help at the church that they used to do... I exclaimed that they could pray! We all float on a sea of prayers. We need and covet your prayers every day. Particularly your pastors need your prayers. Prayers that our words may provide hope, healing, and love as we minister to this wonderful family of God. Prayers for safe travel as we go from homes to hospitals to care centers.

After this conversation, another friend sent me an email with the following devotional attached:

AT TIMES you may have treated God like a bubblegum machine. You dropped a coin in the prayer slot and expected an answered prayer to roll out. But perhaps the answers that tumbled out were not always what you expected. In fact, God hasn't always acted the way you thought God would or should.

At other times you wondered if God was listening at all. Silence left you thinking God had abandoned you. Sometimes you even prayed as if it was up to you to tell God what to do. Now that you have grown older, there are days when words for prayer just won't come. You struggle to string thoughts together in a way that makes sense. But deep down inside, something stirs your soul and prompts you to keep praying....

Prayer and aging go hand in hand. An active prayer life provides you a constant source of friendship. Nothing is too insignificant or too overwhelming to tell your heavenly Father. Walk closely with God and feel divine goodness all around you.

Prayer is something we can all do since there is no right or wrong way to pray. It is very much like having a conversation with a friend. You do not have to fill in the blanks or explain things because God knows and understands. There is no better time to pray than right now. Pray when you awaken or when you lie down to rest. Pray morning, noon, and night. There are no rules – pray whenever the Spirit moves you. A great benefit of prayer is that it brings you closer to God.

Intercessory prayer is when we pray for others. A great way to do this is by joining our prayer chain. This is an email that comes out usually twice a week with updates on members and friends as we become aware of them in the church office. You can help with this by calling, emailing, or texting the pastors to let us know when you are in need of prayer. Prayer is not just about a crisis, but also celebration. Tell God your joys, sorrows and concerns. There is no prayer too large or too small.

God Bless You ALL
Lois

Bible Studies... Lectionary Study MAY

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

May 7th

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19

May 14th

Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 21st

Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

May 28th

1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6

Reading Through the Bible

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room for an hour of Bible reading, discussion and questions. We are in the book of Mark.

COME AND JOIN US!

Bible Studies... Lectionary Study JUNE

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

June 4th

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)	Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35

June 11th

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6:10 (11-13), 14-17	
Mark 4:26-34	

June 18th

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49	
Psalm 9:9-20	

2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
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June 25th

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

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Don't Forget Us ...

Whether you go home for the summer or remain here in Arizona, we hope you'll enjoy yourself, but please, please, please don't forget First United Methodist Church! We need your on-going \$\$\$ support, since we are a bit behind during the first three months of 2018 (and bills don't take the summer off). That way, there will still be a happy church to greet you when the weather moderates and we're back at full strength again. Thanks.

Are You Heading Home for the Summer??



We hope not, but if you're getting ready for the trip to your summer home, please let us know (with address, email address, dates, etc.) so we can get your newsletter and any church communications directed to where you are. Please also let us know if your address has changed or if you have an email address. You can also keep up with what is happening at church on our web site www.fumcsuncity.com. You can contact the church office at 623-974-3631 or office@fumcsuncity.com. Thank you!

Metho Travelers invites you to....

Go Places: Fun trips with great people.

Remember, **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

Many people are now signing up for these activities and **space is limited.**

Be sure to pay your deposit upon registration to ensure your space.

JAPANESE GARDENS TOUR, on Tuesday, May 8th. There will be a guided tour of Ro Ho En, the Japanese Friendship Gardens, with lunch at the Spaghetti Factory. Cost is \$48 which includes transportation, guided tour, lunch, all tips and gratuities. The bus will leave Lakeview United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. and be back around 2:45 p.m.

ALASKA CRUISE, Saturday, May 26, 2018, to Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Tour includes round trip airfare and all land transportation, taxes, tips and portage. Prices range from \$3,100 to \$4,250 per person. A deposit of \$250/per person is due upon sign up. Ports of call are listed on the flyer at the Metho Travelers' table.

CRUISIN' CABO, Monday, October 22, 2018, to Saturday, October 27, 2018. Tour includes round trip motor coach to Los Angeles, bus driver tips, taxes and portage. NOT INCLUDED: gratuities onboard ship. Cost is \$968/double occupancy ocean view with other cabin options available. Deposit \$150/person upon sign up.

28 NIGHTS CRUISE: LOS ANGELES, HAWAII, TAHITI & SAMOA, Saturday, March 30, 2019, to Saturday, April 27, 2019. *****CANCELLED*****

BRITISH ISLES CRUISE, Sunday, May 12, 2019, to Saturday, May 25, 2019. Tour includes round-trip air Phoenix to London, transportation to/from airports, all taxes and port fees, tips and portage. Cost ranges from \$4,150 up to \$5,000 depending on occupancy and cabin. Deposit of \$500/person upon sign up.

For more information and sign up, visit the Metho Travelers' table in the Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Metho Travelers needs representatives from First Church to serve on the board. By people serving on the board, we learn about upcoming trips and events. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday each month at Lakeview United Methodist Church. If you are interested, please contact BETH MEAD, 307-262-6715.

"UNDY" SUNDAY AND CONCERT, JULY 8TH



When the "Sounds of the Southwest Singers" come to perform at our church on Sunday, July 8th, at 2:00 p.m. we would like everyone to bring an unopened package of new underwear for our veterans (male and female) and children for Salvation Army "Back-to-School" drive.

This will include socks. We will have boxes in the Narthex several Sundays before the concert which will be marked either children or adults, girl or boy. Please place in the appropriate boxes. This will help the Missions Committee to lessen the sorting time. Thank you and happy shopping.

MAY / JUNE CALENDAR

Sundays

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hour 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 Food Drive (3rd Sunday)
 Potluck (3rd Sunday) 10:30 a.m.

Mondays

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Handbells Rehearsal NONE IN MAY
 Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

NO Rehearsals in Jun, Jul, Aug

Thursdays

Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

MAY / JUNE Committee Meetings:

Trustees	9:30 a.m. May 01
Social Media	3:30 p.m. May 08
Worship Committee	1:00 p.m. May 09
Finance	1:30 p.m. May 10
Foundation	9:30 a.m. May 16
Missions	1:00 p.m. May 16
Church Council	9:30 a.m. May 23

NO MEETINGS IN JUN, JUL, AUG

Fellowship Hour Hosts

*The group that will be hosting our
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour*

for the following months will be:

MAY - Missions

JUN - Church Growth

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hands of Friendship Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. May 05 and Jun 02
 MOTHER'S DAY May 13
 FATHER'S DAY Jun 17
 Food Bank Sunday May 20 and Jun 17
 Potluck 10:30 a.m. May 20 and Jun 17

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR OUR SUMMER BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

Many people enjoy reading what you have to say. So be sure not to miss our deadline of June 15th for the July/August newsletter. If you submit your article by that date, it will be in the next First Word Newsletter. Thank you!

Tabitha-Dorcas Circle:

Wednesday, May 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. at the church to carpool to lunch at Famous Dave's.

UMW Executive Board Meeting:

CANCELLED -- Monday, May 7th. Next meeting Tuesday, September 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room



Elizabeth/Esther Circle:

Wednesday, May 9th, at 11:00 a.m. at Village Inn, 91st Ave / Northern Ave

Priscilla Circle:

Thursday, May 10th, at 9:30 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant, 107th Ave / Olive

UMW Unit Meeting:

Monday, October 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NOTE: No meetings in June, July and August. See you in September!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

John Leyh.....	05/02
Sue Schneider.....	05/02
Mary Payne.....	05/03
Jo Larrabee.....	05/05
Cathy Murray.....	05/05
Lenora Rector.....	05/07
Mable Smith.....	05/09
Jan Promberger.....	05/11
Phyllis King.....	05/12
Jil Carlson.....	05/15
Bogie Budke.....	05/16
John King.....	05/16
Millie Ford.....	05/17
Mary Jean Roush.....	05/18
Tillie Brandt.....	05/19
Marion James.....	05/19
Nada Jensen.....	05/20
Donna Gibson.....	05/21
Phyllis Smith.....	05/21
Janet Unger.....	05/22
Norm Lotts.....	05/24
Beth Mead.....	05/24
Suzanne Yankowski.....	05/24
Eleanor Carpenter.....	05/25
Lois Cohrs.....	05/26
Pat Gronberg.....	05/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Joyce Lostetter.....	05/05
Red & Pam Fisher.....	05/15

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Florence Curry.....	06/01
Lenore Whipple.....	06/02
Rod Tiner.....	06/05
Warren Whipple.....	06/07
Barbara DeRose.....	06/11
Noreen Nickerson-Cruz.....	06/11
Kathie Grant.....	06/12
Gordon Gudmundson.....	06/17
Dianne Kehoe.....	06/17
Diane Lang.....	06/18
Karen Klus.....	06/21
Bonnie Wedekind.....	06/25
Betty Zingre.....	06/27
Susie Gray.....	06/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Bettye Minton.....	06/05
Garry & Colleen Becker.....	06/14
Carl & Brenda Hansen.....	06/20
Jim & Cathy Murray.....	06/29



HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

May 5th and June 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W. Peoria. Hands of Friendship is a group that gets together for fellowship and food the first Saturday of each month at Mercer's restaurant. We order from the menu and pay individually.

Please call Phyllis Sutton (623-322-8547) so we will have a spot waiting for you. Everyone is welcome. Come join us!



COLUMBARIUM

Did you know that our church has a Columbarium? It is located on the north side of the building between the stained glass windows of the sanctuary. What is a columbarium? It is a sacred area with recesses in the wall to receive the ashes of the dearly departed. The niches are \$375.00 for a single and \$750.00 for a double. There is a plate on each niche with the name and life dates. This is a peaceful meditative area to honor our dear departed friends. As you make plans for your eternal future, consider having your ashes interred here with your First Church Family. Please feel free to stop by the church office for more information.

*Need a
Ride?*



Care-2-Go ...

... is the name of First Church's Transportation Ministry. You should keep this note for future reference. Why? Because you may someday need a ride from one of our volunteers – and you'll need to know the name of the program: Care-2-Go.

Here's how it works:

- If you need a ride, call the church office (623-974-3631) at least 48 hours beforehand, if possible.
- The volunteer will transmit your request to the Care Council.
- They will attempt to locate someone who can assist you within the Sun City community.

Please note:

- This service depends on the availability of drivers (if you'd like to volunteer to drive, contact Rev. Tom).
- It is intended for those within the First Church family.
- It assumes that you have no other means of getting around (family members, neighbors, etc. should be asked first).
- And, those who drive may have physical limitations themselves (they may not be able to lift wheelchairs, etc.) so please ask if that is a concern.

So keep the note and the name handy – **Care-2-Go** – it's our Transportation Ministry that will help you get to those critical appointments on time!

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

Struggling to make ends meet? There is a free service from the National Council on Aging at BenefitsCheckUp.org that connects folks 55 and older with programs that help pay for food, medications, utilities, and housing. Complete an online questionnaire and the service will scan some 2,500 programs and identify ones you may qualify for.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Clarice Bielski
Tillie Brandt
Joyce Clingerman
Lucille and Gordon
Gudmundson
Libby Hearne
Alice LaClair
Jeff Lay
Dolores Morris
Gordon Plancich
John B. Richardson
Mary Jean Roush
Billie Jo Scott
Helen Teichman
Esta and Bill VanMeter
Don & Sandi Vickery
Don Watson



ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

May:

Sun City congregations
Faith Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First UMC, Sun City
Shepherd of the Desert

United Methodist congregations in our District

First UMC, Phoenix
First UMC, Sun City
First UMC, Yuma

Condolences & Christian Sympathy.....



....to **MARY MITCHELL**, family and friends on the passing of her uncle, Tony Passero, on March 30th (TN)

....to **MILLIE DICKERSON**, family and friends on the passing of her sister, Gertrude Neumann, on April 10th.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

JUNE:

Sun City congregations
All Saints of the Desert
Church of St. Joachim & St. Anne
Church of the Palms
Faith Presbyterian Church

United Methodist congregations in our District

Fort Yuma UMC
Gila Mountain UMC, Yuma
Haven UMC, Jerome



POTLUCK TIMES

Sunday, May 20th and June 17th



Every third Sunday of the month we have a Potluck Sunday. Our fun potlucks will be held on May 20th and June 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to bring your own plate and utensils. Please bring an extra dish to share so we can easily include our guests and visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On May 20th after our meal, we will celebrate with Lou and his daughter, Lexi, "It's A Girl!" Come and join us for a Baby Shower! We will have a money tree if you would rather donate funds than shop. Come One and All and join us!

Potluck June 17th will be a special celebration of Father's Day!! We understand many people spend the day with family, but many others do not have family close. We all know that the church is our family and God is our Father. This will be a wonderful time of celebrating fathers and family!

VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Tilly 2Can is the mascot for Valley View Community Food Bank. Her message — every time you shop for your family's groceries, grab an extra **TWO CANS** for Valley View. Thank you in advance for all you do for the community.

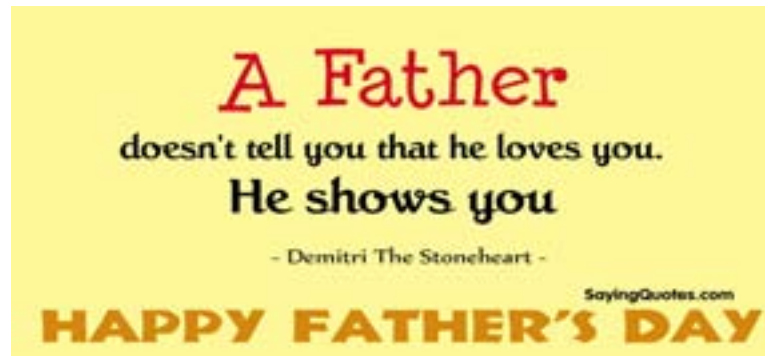
Our food bank donation Sunday is May 20th and June 17th. If you forget your food, cash or a check will suffice.

July's Communion Offering to UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministries)



UMOM New Day Centers was founded by local United Methodist Churches in 1964. They have a child care center (licensed and accredited), wellness center, chapel, Kids Den for after-school activities, Clothes Closet retail establishment for residents and public, and community dining facility. They have a program for abusive women and over 90% of the women completing the program do not return to the abusive environment from which they came.

Their programs also include: individual education and job assistance, and transportation services. In the last few years, they have been able to provide services to over 12,000 homeless individuals which include families, youth, including runaways, by providing shelter and resource programs, and single women trying to rebuild their lives. Thank you for generous support that helps UMOM to be able to assist so many in our community.



October 19th - 20th

This year's Fall Festival is October 19th & 20th, so mark your calendars! We will again be selling rummage items, furniture, and jewelry. We will have an on-site lunch and bake sale. So there will be many opportunities to volunteer.

The summer months provide us the perfect opportunity to go through our homes and garages and rid them of items no longer needed. NO CLOTHING, SHOES, COMPUTERS, MONITORS OR TVs (flatscreens OK), please. Rummage items will be received at the church the week of October 15th.

If you have jewelry to donate, please drop it off at the church office now. It takes time to prepare jewelry for display, so having the luxury of the extra summer months is a big help.

Are you new to our church and have no idea what the Fall Festival is? It is a fundraiser for the church. Money is raised by selling rummage items, furniture, jewelry, lunches and baked goods which are all donated by the congregation. The money received goes into our general operating fund and toward our mission endeavors. Being a Fall Festival volunteer is a great way to get to know your church family.

Thanks to everyone that helped out last year. We look forward to seeing all of you again this year and hopefully many new faces!

I believe in..

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

because..

I'VE BEEN LOVING

MY MOTHER SINCE

I OPENED MY EYES..

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



The Mission Project for Annual Conference this year is to ask each congregation to support the Special Offerings that are taken during the conference. If you would support one or all of these projects, please make a note on the memo line of your check and/or the special offering line on your envelope. We need these by the first Sunday in June. Thank you in advance.



AZ JFON is a legal clinic welcoming immigrants by providing affordable, high-quality immigration legal

services, as well as engaging in advocacy for immigrant rights, offering education to communities of faith and the public about these issues.



The Inn Project provides temporary housing to people seeking asylum in the United States. In collaboration with

ICE, The Inn Project helps to get children and their accompanying adult(s) out of detention centers to a friendly and safe environment as they await arrangements from their family in the United States.



Lastly, in February of 2018, Tonga was devastated by the worst storm in 60 years.... experiencing winds of more

than 230km/hr flattening buildings and bringing down powerlines. Cyclone Gita ravaged Tonga and their Tongan churches are seeking all of our support to help their friends and families back home.



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TELEWORSHIP:

Teleworship allows a person to dial a phone number remotely and listen to the worship service as it occurs. Here's how it works:

- Call **623-777-3306** during the 9:30 a.m. service
- When prompted, enter extension **930**
- Dial **536-545-940 #**
- You will be connected to the worship service.

Note: You can have a convenient wallet size card with the above information. These are available in the church office.

You can follow the service with a copy of the Sunday bulletin which is located on our website:

fumcsuncity.com. Under the heading "WORSHIP" click on "SUNDAY BULLETIN."

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The ministers of this church are its members.
Those who assist and support them are:

Lois Hedden	Senior Pastor
Thomas Ondra	Associate Pastor
Colleen Becker	Lay Leader
Terry Smith	Music Director
Cathy Murray	Organist, Handbell Director
Sharon Weber	Office Manager
Richard Vickers	Audio Engineer
Lou Farrar	Media Operator
Robert Schmidt	Maintenance

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