



First United Methodist Church of Sun City

# First Word

## OCTOBER 2018



### ONLY DAYS AWAY!!! ALL-CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

**Friday, October 19th, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 20th, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Please plan on being a part of this year's All-Church event. There will be many areas in which to help. **Sign-up sheets** will be in the church lobby every Sunday (09/30, 10/07, and 10/14) for cashiers, sales assistants, greeters, bakers, and on-site lunch helpers. Be thinking of areas you would like to volunteer. **Fall Festival flyers and door hangers** are available for you to pick up Sunday. The flyers can be placed on golf carts and cars, and distributed to your favorite eating establishments or places of business. The door hangers can be placed on your neighbor's front door.

Preparations for the week of the Fall Festival are as follows:

- **Monday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m.**: We will need volunteers to set up tables in the Fellowship Hall and church lobby. Donated furniture should be brought to the church. If you need help in getting your rummage items or furniture to the church, please contact Lyn Kortie (623-518-6734 / 602-781-6822) or John King (623-876-9093 / 623-695-4829) to make arrangements for pick-up.
- **Tuesday - Wednesday, October 16th – 17th at 9:00 a.m.**: Bring all of your donated items to the church. We will need volunteers to price these items and arrange them on tables. There are no sign-up sheets for this, just show up, lunch will be provided.
- **Thursday - October 18th at 9:00 a.m.**: We will finish pricing and arranging rummage items. Bring your donated baked goods before 2:00 p.m.

If you are unable to work but wish to participate, you may donate money to help defray costs for food, advertising and supplies. Make checks payable to FUMC, add "Fall Festival" to the memo line and on your envelope, turn into the church office or drop in the collection plate on Sunday.

The Fall Festival is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our church (invite your friends and neighbors) and a perfect opportunity to get acquainted with your Church family. Join us, won't you?

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



**NAIDA DAVIS**....Joined our church on May 20th. She grew up in Battle Creek, MI, and got to travel the country (as many have) by marrying into the U.S. Air Force. This landed them at Luke AFB in 1970, and Naida has since considered herself a native here. She worked at Goodyear Aerospace, Glendale Public Schools and the City of Phoenix. Now retired, she and her Labrador Retriever care for her daughter, Dana Bergman, and try to keep up with her 3 grandchildren (all of whom were born on holidays! Ask her about that!) Interests include camping, golf, bowling, reading and doing puzzles.



**GALE CLAUSEN**....joined our church on September 16th and comes to us from Lakeview United Methodist Church. Actually, she comes from a string (a lifetime) of Methodist Churches wherever she's lived! Jean Jowers has been her friend since arriving in Sun City, and it was Jean's opinion that many new friends awaited her at First Church. Gale grew up in Litchfield, MN, and a suburb of St. Paul where she lived out her dream of becoming a nurse. She and her late husband, Kim, raised 4 kids there before retiring to Bisbee and golf and motor-homing. Amazed at what Sun City has to offer, Gale sews and quilts and plays golf ... and tries to stay in touch with their 8 grandkids (back in MN).

**WANTED!!** Greeting cards...new OR used, inside printed message OR blank OR personal writing, front OR back missing. NO GLITTER! Unused envelopes are sometimes matched with unused cards to sell at our Fall Festival. Thank you for your donations in the lobby box.  
Judy Brown

## SHOEBOX FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The shoeboxes are out for you to pick up in the church lobby.

Remember, the dedication for these boxes is October 7th which is also World Communion Sunday. This gives you all plenty of time to find those bargains and be done before the busy holidays. A LIST OF ARTICLES AS TO WHAT TO PUT IN AND NOT PUT IN THE BOXES WILL BE TAPED TO THE TABLE BY THE BOXES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A PAMPHLET "How to pack your shoebox" with the same information to take home. If you want to put a check for \$9 (yes, it's gone up) in your box (or in an offering envelope clearly marked "for shoebox shipping" or drop it off at the office) to cover the shipping cost, that would be great. Again the Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for always supporting these missions. You are faithful!



## *Message from the Pastor*

We are all different, and yet, we are all the same. I have been thinking about this quite a bit as I am grieving the loss of my son. Many people have shared stories with me of great losses in their lives. Each loss is different, yet the pain we experience is much the same.

We have different opinions on many subjects; politics being a classic example of this. We are of different political parties, supporting different candidates, policies, or ideas. At the same time we are of one faith and we worship together one God while having different opinions on other topics.

Our church, The United Methodist Church, is in a bit of a crisis right now, as people are struggling how to be one church with differing ideas of how to interpret scripture. Is scripture the inerrant Word of God or something that needs to be reinterpreted by each generation? Is the Bible something that is primary in our faith, or something else?

There will be a Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church in February 2019. They will meet for three days in St. Louis to try to determine the future of the church. They will be discussing the language regarding human sexuality in the Book of Discipline. The Book of Discipline constitutes the law and doctrine of the United Methodist Church. The book begins with a brief history of the church, then the church constitution, and a statement concerning the doctrine and theology of the church. The Social Principles of the church follow. Finally the legislative section, by far the largest part of The Discipline, appears.

There will be a Holy Huddle that you are all invited to where we will hear more about the proposed changes to the Book of Discipline. While we do not have a vote, we do need to be informed about the future of our church. There is an article in this newsletter with more information about the Holy Huddle.

In our local congregation, just like every other one, there are people on all sides of the questions. Some are very adamant as to what they believe the future of the church should be while others do not think it is anything to be concerned about, as they do not believe that the decisions will affect them.

I pray that we will all stay connected through our faith, hope and trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While we disagree on many issues, we agree on Jesus. We meet to worship God, study the Word, and praise the Lord. As Saint Paul said thousands of years ago, we all sin and fall short but are forgiven and united in Christ. Personally, my faith has helped me in the loss of my son. Faith will get us all through this also.





## OCTOBER CALENDAR

### Sundays

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hour 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
 CANNED 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 2:30 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsals 4:00 p.m.

### Thursdays

Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER Committee Meetings:

Trustees	9:30 a.m. Oct. 02
Church Growth	11:00 a.m. Oct. 03
Care Council	1:00 p.m. Oct. 09
Worship	1:00 p.m. Oct. 10
Social Media	11:00 a.m. Oct. 11
Finance	1:30 p.m. Oct. 11
Missions	1:00 p.m. Oct. 16
Foundation	9:30 a.m. Oct. 17
Church Council	9:30 a.m. Oct. 24

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hands of Friendship Luncheon	11:30 a.m. October 06
Fall Festival	October 19 & 20
Food Bank Sunday	October 21
Potluck	10:30 a.m. October 21

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS OCTOBER 15TH

Please submit any articles you have by October 15<sup>th</sup>. This may sound early, but multiple people and steps are involved in compiling this newsletter. Thank you.

## Fellowship Hour Hosts

The group that will be hosting our 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour for the month of October will be: **BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**



## SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, November 6th, 11:00 a.m.  
 All Church Charge Conference

### UMW Executive Board Meeting:

Monday, October 1st, at 1:00 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

### Tabitha-Dorcas Circle:

Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

### Elizabeth/Esther Circle:

Wednesday, October 10th, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Priscilla Circle:

Thursday, October 11th, at 9:30 a.m. at Betty Zingre's home (10324 W. Willie Low Circle)

### UMW Unit Meeting:

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





## HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

October 6th 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!



## BIRTHDAYS

Judy Greenan.....	10/01
Judy Bidol.....	10/07
Hilda Peck .....	10/08
Terry Nott.....	10/11
Don Watson.....	10/11
Lou Farrar .....	10/12
Esta Van Meter.....	10/12
Lee Duguid.....	10/13
Bambi Slupe.....	10/13
Joan Lengacher .....	10/16
Carolyn Whitenack .....	10/16
Gordon Longnecker .....	10/21
Barbara Britton .....	10/22
Jill Heiertz.....	10/28
Lorraine Matthias .....	10/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Nada Nott.....	10/14
John & Barbara Leyh .....	10/16
Tom & Judy Brown .....	10/17
Bill & Betty Eaton, Jr.....	10/28

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



Dr. Seuss said "The more you read, the more places you'll go." The United Methodist Women has many books waiting to take you places. There is still enough time to read five books to qualify for the Reading Program. Plan on taking a trip and read a book.

Betty Zingre  
Secretary of Program Resources

### ATTENTION ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Executive Board will meet on Monday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room. The Local Organization meeting will be Monday, October 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a salad luncheon. Priscilla Circle will be hostess and Elizabeth/Esther will present the program. Remember to bring your World Thank Offering to this meeting. This will be the fifth point toward reaching the Five Star Award for the year presented by the West District.

Colleen Becker, President

### United Methodist Women Recycle Project

The United Methodist Women have been recycling your water bottles and aluminum cans for almost three years now. We appreciate all of you that have been helping with this mission project. This year alone we have made over \$223.00 for missions. We feel this is a great way for you to keep these bottles and cans out of the landfills. Just continue to bring them on Sundays and drop them off by the kitchen door. Thank you!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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



## ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

### **October:**

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

Trinity UMC, Yuma

Sedona UMC

Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Sun City West

## Condolences & Christian Sympathy to.....



...**ANNE PASSAGE**, family and friends, on news of the passing of husband, Howard, 09/01. Cards may be sent to: Anne Passage, 13010 McDuffie Run, Carmel, IN 46033

...**EDITH WERNER**, family and friends, on news of the passing of her brother, Ray Christoph (IN)

...**KAREN WILLARD**, family and friends, on news of the passing of her family friend, Bruno



## Attention All Ladies of First United Methodist Church

As summer draws to a close, it is time to start thinking about the fall start-up for United Methodist Women (**UMW**). All women are welcome at any unit meeting or circle. There is not a membership process or fee, only a willingness to participate through prayer, study, giving, action or service. For unit and circle meeting dates and times, see pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

Our focus is mission giving to support women, children and youth. Each of our three circles has a different local organization that they choose to lend support in addition to the missions supported around the world. Priscilla Circle supports Justa Center, Elizabeth/Esther Circle supports Feed the Hungry through UMOM and Tabitha-Dorcas Circle supports Ronald McDonald House. If anyone is interested in joining or has any questions, please contact Colleen Becker, UMW President, at 623-341-5107.

## POTLUCK Sunday, October 21st



Every third Sunday of the month we have a Potluck Sunday.

Our fun potluck will be held on October 21st 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.

Our guest speaker will be from the Area Agency on Aging to speak about Medicare options in 2019. This will be very informative, be sure to come – October 21st, at 10:30 a.m.



## VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK TOUCAN = Two Cans

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 October 21st. If you forget your food, cash or a check will suffice.

## Holy Huddle

**Saturday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Trinity UMC, 3104 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix**



In order to better understand and prayerfully share our thoughts for our Church, Bishop Bob is 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 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.

Although we are not all able to vote on what plan is ultimately adopted by General Conference, we do have the responsibility to be aware of the implications of the plans. It is a privilege to pray and share around tables in Christ-like conversation. We join in expectation that our United Methodist Church will face the future united in hope for our future. You are an essential participant in that future so I hope you will be present with us. Our participation gives hope to our mission and ministry to all God's children in the name of Jesus.





### **Growing with your help**

grown to \$353,683 with the donations members have made through the years and investments. Would you like to “Pay It Forward” to help the future of our church? You will feel blessed in doing so.

**PAYING IT FORWARD!** I knew Marian Thompson. She was very dedicated to her church work. She wanted her work to reflect quality and dignity. Marian was very organized and planned her decisions. “Paying It Forward” could have been her motto. When she passed away, she left \$25,000 to the church. In 2008, the Marian Thompson Memorial Fund was created to financially assist the church with its budget, especially Rev. Tom Ondra’s salary. The fund has

Betty Zingre

Vice President, Marian Thompson Memorial Fund

## **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!**

Please take the time to let our Pastors know you appreciate all they do. Some suggestions: write them a note of appreciation, give them extra hugs, or words of encouragement. We will be showing our appreciation for Rev. Lois Hedden and Rev. Thomas Ondra at our October 21st potluck. We hope to present each with a generous monetary gift to show our appreciation. Anyone wishing to contribute, please leave your cash or check in an offering envelope clearly marked “for Pastor Appreciation” or with Sharon during normal office hours at the church office.



## **World Communion Sunday**



Part of the point of World Communion Sunday is to recognize the many and various ways Christians around the globe celebrate the same ritual. On this Sunday (October 7th), your giving helps to provide scholarships for gifted and qualified people in the U.S., racial and ethnic students and international students on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Statistics show that the majority of clergy and laity is white. As U.S. demographics continue to change, the church must prepare leaders to serve an increasingly diverse population.

Fifty percent of the offering provides Crusade Scholarships for international and U.S. racial and ethnic graduate students. Thirty-five percent of receipts support Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduates. Fifteen percent funds Ethnic Minority In-Service Training Program Scholarships for racial and ethnic persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations. These scholarships are exactly what the church needs to fulfill its global mission.



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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:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 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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