



Where are we going?

Our mission at CUMC is "joyfully growing in Christ." What does that mean? This question can be applied to all areas of church discipleship--Christian Education, children, youth, and adults. As we enter a new year,

what directions would you like to see the educational ministries of our church go? Where do you see us in 1, 3, and 5 years? As we grow, how does the path for our vision change? If these are questions you are interested in discussing, then the Vision Team for the future of our educational ministries is the place for you. We are building this team to create a roadmap for CUMC. We want a group of diverse individuals who like to think of the "big picture." This Team will meet a few times a year to help keep us on course. Other groups already in existence or newly formed will plan the details of each area.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 28th 11:00-1:00, lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Carolyn Ragatz, chairperson, 480-221-8668 or carolyn@ragatz.com. If interested in joining the Vision Team, please complete this short survey by scanning the QR code.





Calling All Crafters!

We have some exciting things coming up for Lent, and we need your help. If you are handy with a hot glue gun and like to make things out of obscure parts, we have a craft for you.

Join us on Sunday, February 4th after second service as we make hot air balloons out of lanterns, straws and baskets! Also creating a photo opportunity for the hallway. Many hands make light work!

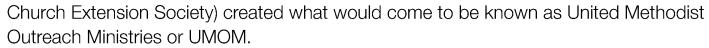


Please let Rev. Candace, Jessica or Carolyn Ragatz know if you can help out!

Supporting UMOM in January

UMOM New Day Centers began in the hearts of people who knew they could do more for those who had less.

In 1964, members of the Desert Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church (back then called the Arizona Methodist



The early work of this faithful group was 'urban-centered ministries' that included relief for transients and backyard playgrounds for impoverished neighborhoods.

UMOM New Day Centers is the largest provider of services for homeless families in the state of Arizona. Their mission is to prevent and end homelessness with innovative strategies and housing solutions that meet the unique needs of each family and individual.

Families at UMOM have the opportunity to gain the skills, medical care, quality child care and education they need to rebuild their lives.

Our January Missions offering will be given to UMOM to support families and women UMOM serves.

For more information about UMOM please visit the organization's website at www.umom.org.

The Missions Team is also supporting UMOM with a personal hygiene items drive. You can drop off these full size toiletries in the blue bin in the hallway any time during the month of January.

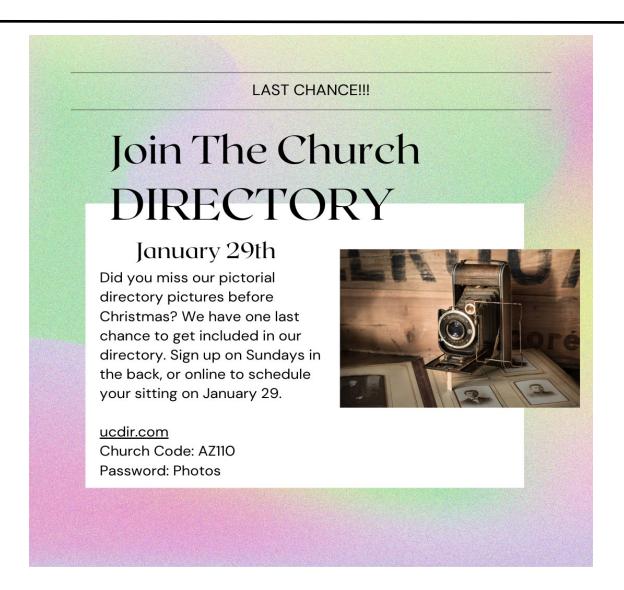
Prayer Requests:

 Keith and Barbara Weichert request prayers for their friend <u>Margie Ballenger</u> of Auburn, California, whose husband Dave passed away. Pray for comfort for her and for Dave's children.



Garfield Brown requests prayer for <u>Shayla Brown</u>. She is facing some tough decisions.
 Please pray for strength and guidance.

January: Paradise Valley UMC, Payson UMC, Phoenix Native American Fellowship



Women of the Word (W.O.W)

All women are invited to the next WOW meeting, Tuesday, February 13th at noon. There will be a potluck luncheon before the meeting and program in room 104/105. Please come and join the group for a time of Christian Fellowship. Hostesses: Denise Sapp and Suzi LeGrand. Prayer: Ginger Dolberg. Program: Jeanette Page. For more information, contact Sharon Spane at (480)251-8450 or Suzi LeGrand at (602)695-3671.

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Join us in making a difference!

Neighbors Who Care – They help homebound seniors. Volunteers take them to appointments and the grocery or drug store, do wellness calls, deliver meals, etc. The area they serve is Sun Lakes and southern Chandler. Anyone interested in donating time can call or email them at: 480-895-7133 info@neighborswhocare.com. More information can be found at neighborswhocare.com

Welcome to America Project - This is a volunteer non-profit organization that welcomes refugees. They collect household goods and furniture to help refugees furnish an apartment when they arrive. They need volunteers to go with a staff member and to deliver items and visit the refugee family.

Matthew's House - Helping families arriving as refugees, who've fled home because it was no longer a place of safety. This leaves them disconnected from extended family, comforts of cultural norms and their broader community. Many refugees arrive in the Phoenix area with only the support of the Resettlement Agency workers. Lack of support from the broader community compounds struggles with adjusting to cultural, economic, linguistic, educational, emotional, and occupational realities of life in their new country. You can find more information at info@matthewhouseaz.org

Circle the City - provides healthcare and hope to thousands of individuals facing homelessness in Maricopa County. Kindness Kits are distributed daily to individuals facing homelessness via their mobile medical outreach teams, and family health clinics. Building Kindness Kits make a great project for groups, such as our church. You can find details regarding items needed and contact information too arrange delivery at this link:

https://circlethecity.org/kindness-kit-donation/



Month	Offerings	Activity & Missions Donations	Person in Charge
January	Jan 14 - Human Relations Day (communion) UMUM (Missions designation)	UMOM - full size personal hygiene/toiletry items	Alyson Johnson
February	Neighbors Who Care (Communion) Feed the Children (Missions designation)	Feed the Children - Volunteer Event, no items to collect	Betty Ingram & Bonnie Britton
March	March 19 - Giving Sunday (UMCOR, communion) Hartford Elementary (Missions designation)	Underwear & socks for Hartford Elementary	Wilma Ellis
April	Lura Turner Homes (communion) AZCEND (Missions designation)	AZCEND Food Drive	Betty Ingram
May	Native American Ministries Sunday (communion) Welcome to America Project (Missions designation)	Welcome to America Project - Household items collection & delivery by volunteers	Judi Edmonds
June	Families in Transition (FIT - Missions designation & communion)	School Supplies Chandler United School District	Lisa Gress
July	Justa Center (Missions designation & communion)	Justa Center - Laundry soap, shampoo, towels, coffee cups, etc.	Alyson Johnson
August	Desert Cancer Foundation of Arizona (Missions designation & communion)	Desert Cancer Foundation of Arizona (luncheon in October, purchase 2 tables)	Paula Wirth
September	Dogs 4 Vets (communion) My Sister's Place (Missions designation)	My Sister's Place - sheets, pillows, towels, etc.	Jim and Kay Malin
October	World Communion Sunday (communion) AZCEND (Missions designation)	AZCEND Holiday food collection	Betty Ingram
November	UMC Student Day (communion) Save the Family & AZCEND (Missions designation)	Grace UMC Sidewalk Sunday School - Red Bags, Save the Family - stockings & gift cards and I-HELP - gift cards	Alyson Johnson
December	Arizona Justice for Our Neighbors (Missions designation & communion)	No items to collect	Bonnie Britton
Christmas Eve	UMCOR Domestic Disaster Relief	No items to collect	Bonnie Britton





Do you know everything our website has to offer? It is a great place to download our weekly newsletter, view our sermon series, and learn about upcoming events. These are just a few things our website offers to keep you informed and connected.

Here are some important links to help get you started:

Our website:

https://chandlermethodist.org/

Church Calendar:

https://57617618.view-events.com/calendar/57617618/

Sermon Series Page:

https://chandlermethodist.org/sermon-series/

We will also be updating our Facebook page regularly. If you like our page it will show up in your feed. Search for **Chandler United Methodist Church**

Join us online or in person this weekend:

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Sermon:

"Breaking the Chains of Mental Illness Stigma"

Webpage:

https://chandlermethodist.org/crimes-againsthumanity/

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