



CHANDLER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 1st, 2024



Please be aware any email or text coming from Rev. Candace or any staff member at CUMC will **NEVER** ask for gift cards or money.

Some general reminders about how you can spot these scams over email or text message:

- Before you open, look at the sender's address or phone number. If the sender's address seems suspicious or is different than the email address or phone number the person typically uses, then it probably is a scam.
- If the subject line seems strange or irregular; it probably is a scam.
- If the message asks you to purchase gift cards or give money, it is probably a scam.

If you open the questionable email or reply to the strange text, which we advise against, and you are asked to reply by email or by phone because your assistance is needed with an unnamed situation, it is probably a scam.

### Take Action

If you received a questionable email or text from someone posing as someone you know, alert the individual about it using the legitimate contact information you have for them and report the scam at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>

Then, if the fake message was from clergy or looks like it was from Conference staff, let us know so we can amplify the warning to others. Email [communications@dscumc.org](mailto:communications@dscumc.org) with details about the scam.

Help your community learn how to spot, prevent, and report scams. Free resources are available from the Federal Trade Commission. Order resources at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2024/01/ncpw-speak-against-scams-your-language> before February 5 to get them in time for the National Consumer Protection Week (March 3-9, 2024). Thank you for keeping us aware of these scams!



**Men's  
Breakfast**

The next meeting is February 2nd at 7 a.m.

At Black Bear Dinner - 2805 S Alma School Rd  
If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with Jim  
Latter at: [jimandlinlat67@gmail.com](mailto:jimandlinlat67@gmail.com)

## 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!



### 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.

## CUMC GIFT SHOP

OPEN BEFORE AND BETWEEN SERVICES  
(AND WHENEVER THE DOOR IS OPEN AND  
THE LIGHTS ARE ON)

VALENTINE'S DAY  
COMING SOON!!



*Buy a gift or card  
for your loved one  
and  
help Missions at the  
same time.*

The Love Duck strikes again...congrats to Mark Conrad for finding it. Who will be the next to find the duck?



**Please join the  
Chancel Choir!**

# **GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA REHEARSALS**

**Wednesdays @ 7pm**

**Beginning  
February 7th**

**CUMC  
Sanctuary**







**South District**  
Desert Southwest Conference  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2024

Chandler United Methodist Church  
450 E Chandler Heights Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85249

Dear Members and Friends of Chandler United Methodist Church:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

After a time of consultation and prayer and with the blessing of Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut, I am assigning Mr. Jim Fountain to serve as Certified Lay Minister at Chandler United Methodist Church, effective January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Certified Lay Ministers are "called and equipped to conduct public worship, care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, develop new and existing faith communities, preach the word, lead small groups, or establish community outreach ministries as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person." (2016 BOD ¶1268.1)

Through prayerful consideration, the Cabinet has confirmed that Jim holds the gifts and graces needed to support the work of the Congregational Care Ministry team at Chandler U.M.C. He will also assist in leading worship, leads occasional small groups, and officiate at memorial services as needed. Jim will serve as a volunteer unpaid staff person under the supervision of your Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry and will be responsible to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Jim comes to you from Dayspring United Methodist Church, where his work as a Certified Lay Minister has been a blessing to the congregation. I invite you to join me in prayer for Jim during this time of transition, and I am thankful for the work you will do together as the people of God.

In Christ,

Rev. Matt Ashley  
Missional Strategist and Superintendent  
Desert Southwest Conference  
The United Methodist Church

Cc: Bishop Carlo A Rapanut  
Rev. Melissa Rynders  
Rev. Candace Lansberry  
Jim Fountain  
Julie O'Neal



## Meet our new Staff Members:



Jim Fountain is an Arizona native. He attended Arizona State University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communication and a Master's Degree in Theatre Education. He spent 43 years teaching speech, theater and English in various area high schools. He attended Local Pastors school for 3 summers and spent some time previously serving Chandler UMC as Director of Nurture and Outreach. Following his retirement from teaching and feeling called to serve, he renewed his certification to serve as a Certified Lay Minister. He previously served at Dayspring and St. Matthew UMC. He is the proud grandfather of 8 amazing grandchildren who all live nearby.

Susan was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and came to Phoenix 7 years ago. Her daughter, Faith Perez, told her about the open position in the nursery and has worked here since 2018. She is excited to begin her new position as the Children's Ministry Director by reaching out and working with the community here in Chandler. She was married for 43 years until her husband passed away in 2015. They raised three children, Hope who lives in California, Faith who is a member here at Chandler United Methodist Church, and her son Richard, who lives in Albuquerque. Her hobbies include genealogy, crafting, and reading.



The Chandler United Methodist Leadership Board held their first official meeting on Wednesday, January 24. As the team works through creating the simplified accountability structure, we are leaning in on the book "Mission: Possible" by Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford. Our first order of business is to create Leadership Covenants (how the Leadership Board works together) and Guiding Principles (how all of our teams at CUMC go through our decision-making processes). We also have a work group looking at

our Mission, Vision, and Core Values, which will guide us in our goal setting and be the foundation of our work together as a church. If anyone is interested in seeing your new board in action, you are welcome to attend the meetings. Please understand that if the board needs to discuss a confidential personnel or legal matter, we will ask persons other than the board members to leave the room for those discussions. Just let Garfield Brown or Rev. Candace know so we have enough room for everyone. We will communicate frequently with the congregation on our progress, what we are learning, and how we are accomplishing our goals (which will be our next steps). Look for regular updates from CUMC Leadership Board in our newsletters and bulletins.



### Prayer Requests:

- Karen Kishpaugh requests prayer for Liza Foley. She is a young mother diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- Brandelyn Abner request prayer for her family. Prayers for them to come together and love one another.



February: Red Mountain UMC (Mesa), Scottsdale UMC, Shepherd of the Pine UMC (Overgaard)

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# ASH WEDNESDAY

*February 14th*

**Self – Guided  
Experience from  
12–2PM**

**6:30PM Service**



## Neighbors Who Care

The February communion offering is designated for Neighbors Who Care. This charity has a robust network of volunteers who respond to the ever-changing needs of our aging community, helping them live at home with pride, dignity and



independence. Dedicated volunteers assist the homebound, disabled, and/or frail elderly. They provide assistance in the areas of transportation, shopping/errands, grocery van transport, friendly visitation, reassurance calling, minor home repairs, business assistance, dinner delivery, and caregiver relief/respite.

Neighbors Who Care volunteers are recruited from areas in and around the communities they serve. They are trained and matched with clients to assist with requested services.

Those facing aging difficulties often don't receive all they need in order to sustain and motivate them. That is why finding support and encouragement for yourself or your loved one is so critical.



## Feed the Children

This month the Missions Team is partnering with Feed the Children through our donations and a two-hour volunteer project. We will help them pack boxes at their warehouse. The volunteer signup sheet will be in the hallway once details are available.

They envision a world where no child goes to bed hungry. To help create that world, they are dedicated to helping families and communities achieve stable lives and to reducing the need for help tomorrow—all while providing food and assistance to help them today.

In the United States they distribute product donations of food and other items from corporate donors through their network of local community partners, provide classroom support and school supplies to students in vulnerable areas, and mobilize resources quickly to aid recovery efforts when natural disasters strike.

Internationally, they manage child-focused community development programs that focus on reducing hunger and malnutrition, teaching health and promoting self-reliance in 8 countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin American.

They welcome partnerships because they know that their work would not be possible without collaborative relationships. They seek to connect donors, partners, experts, volunteers, leaders and communities to raise awareness about childhood hunger and make it a thing of the past.



# 2024 SUMMER CAMP



**POTOSI  
PINES**  
LIVES RENEWED



**June 3-5, 2024**

Younger-Elementary

**June 10-14, 2024**

Elementary I

**June 17-21, 2024**

Jr. High Classic &  
Jr. High Adventure

**June 24-28, 2024**

Sr. High Adventure &  
Sr. High Classic

**July 15-19, 2024**

Elementary II  
Junior High Classic II

**July 22-26, 2024**

Elementary III



SCAN  
FOR  
REGISTRATION!

**June 17-22, 2024**

Elementary I, Jr. High I, &  
Jr. High Adventures:  
Local AZ

**June 24-29, 2024**

Elementary II, Jr. High II, &  
Sr. High Adventures:  
Beach Camp

**July 1-3, 2024**

Grand & Me Camp

**July 8-13, 2024**

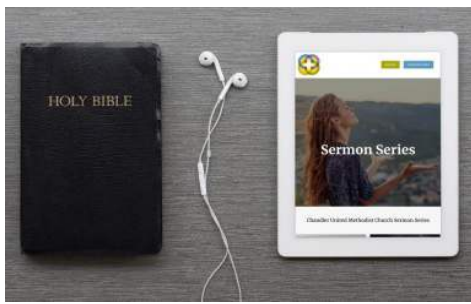
Jr/Sr High: Night Owls



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
IS AVAILABLE! SIMPLY  
INCLUDE YOUR  
REQUEST IN THE  
REGISTRATION  
PROCESS.

**REGISTER BY MARCH 31  
FOR THE EARLY BIRD RATE!**





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:

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon:

“Transforming Violence with God’s Peace”

Webpage:

<https://chandlermethodist.org/crimes-against-humanity/>

**CRIMES  
AGAINST  
HUMANITY**

**TRANSFORMING VIOLENCE  
WITH GOD’S PEACE**

## CONNECTIONS



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