

Candor

"Leading with candor can sometimes be difficult. We often do not speak up when needed because we feel we will not be heard or we will hurt another's feelings."

In your leadership, have you ever felt this? Or, perhaps, you have avoided leadership because this resonates with you! Join us on January 28 as we look at how best to be truthful and kind in the conversations we have with others. We will enter into the conversation with the Ted Talk by Tom Wujek "Build a Tower, Build a Team."

Wonder Wednesdays: Monthly Musing (meets weekly):

January & February: Church Leadership

Jan. 28– Candor—Bonnie Britton

The Maker's Makers (meets monthly after the potluck): Different crafting projects, something for everyone. No experience needed, we will teach you everything!



His Hands and Feet Sewing - Make kits or sew pillow cases and bags for foster kids. These will be donated to Helen's Hope Chest.

Warm Hearts and Heads - Crochet or knit hats for kids and homeless veterans in northern Arizona. These will support the Mission work done by White Mountain UMC and Shepard of the Pines.

Grace and Greetings: Make cards for Missions holiday gifts. These gifts go to individuals through I-Help and Save the Family. Coloring and writing cards for Shut-Ins.

This is a heads up! Save the date! Start planning now! This is your chance!

In March, we will be hosting a clothing drive for the Salvation Army. Their truck will be right here in front of the church. So start your Spring cleaning early. Think about editing your wardrobe and bring your "I'm tired of it, but somebody will love it" clothing items to church in March.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Bible Readings January 25th–31st

- 25 Ex. 12,13; Ps. 21; Acts 1
- 26 Ex. 14-16; Acts 2
- 27 Ex. 17-20; Acts 3
- 28 Ex. 21,22; Ps. 12; Acts 4
- 29 Ex. 23,24; Ps. 14; Acts 5
- 30 Ex. 25-27; Acts 6
- 31 Ex. 28-29; Acts 7



Prayer Requests:

- Ruth and Del White would like prayers for their son, Breon. Prayers to help with his new job.
- Shirley Mathew has prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Eden Ann. Please continue to keep them all in prayer.
- Wilma Ellis requests prayer for her cousin, Marva Corbett for improvement on health issues.



January: Chandler UMC, Chandler, AZ, Cross in the Desert UMC, Phoenix, AZ, Cross Roads UMC, Phoenix, AZ

*It is with sadness that I let you know that Cherie Hultgren passed away on August 13, and her memorial was in Minnesota.



I- Help

Sunday, January 25th, 5:00 pm, Room 104-105. We need youth and adult volunteers to help set up tables, prepare sack lunches, serve dinner and clean up for approximately 27 I-HELP guests. Guests arrive at 5:45 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm. For questions, please contact Betty Ingram at bettyingram13@gmail.com or call/text 602-571-5486.

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Another year has passed and the New Year is an adventure that awaits. A new year brings changes and one change is I have resigned as CUMC Treasurer so this will be my last financial update. I wish to take this moment to thank everyone who has so generously supported the church making my job a lot easier. I have enjoyed these past seven years, but is time for me and the church to move on. I hope to be able to spend more time visiting my grandchildren in Illinois and Pennsylvania as well as doing more traveling and working on improving my health. Andrew Akmenkains has been nominated to become our new Treasurer. Andrew brings a wealth of financial experience to the position having spent 26 years in the Credit Union business in Minnesota. He has served as a loan officer, IRA specialist, and ending his career in the Audit Department. I am sure you will support Andrew as you have supported me. We ended the 2025 fiscal year with income of \$69,971.56 over projected budget and expenses of \$12,957.65 under expectations. I truly appreciate the support our congregation has provided to ensure that we have been able to support the church's programs and missions. I have appreciated the opportunity you gave me to serve Chandler UMC. Thank you and much continued success.

	<u>Dec. 2025</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Total Income	\$50,454.91	\$557,960.56	\$487,989.00	\$69,971.56
Total Expense	\$40,211.25	\$475,031.35	\$487,989.00	\$(12,957.65)
Difference	\$10,243.66	\$ 82,929.21	\$ 0.00	\$82,929.21
	<u>Dec. 2025</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>		
Restricted Income	\$ 7,067.55	\$72,070.22		
Restricted Expense	\$ 2,044.11	\$90,727.34		
Difference	\$ 5,023.44	\$(18,657.12)		

I can be reached by phone (480) 540-1494, email (rpage67.rp@gmail.com), or text if you have any questions.

Rodger Page, Treasurer



- This month we welcomed 3 new members, Marcie Fuller, Richard and Sonia Roland.



Join
Adult & Family Ministries
for a

FUN FAMILY GAME NIGHT & POTLUCK

Join us for a fun-filled night of
games, laughter, and great food!

Please bring a dish to share for
our potluck. Games will be
provided, but feel free to bring a
favorite.

SAT, JANUARY 24TH

4:00 pm
@ CUMC

I'm so appreciative and thankful to everyone who participated in our Blood Drive on December 13, 2025. This event was a joint effort of our CUMC and the LDS Church. The former United Blood Services is now: Vitalant. The goal is to sponsor another event next year and I extend an open invitation to more participants. We could not have achieved this without you.

—Wilma Ellis



Jesus as Liberator

We have all heard stories about Jesus. Most of us have heard stories about Jesus all our lives. Depending on who is telling the story Jesus might seem like a liberal, a conservative, a hippie, a good American, a superb businessman, a motivational speaker, or the Son of God. But who was Jesus really?

The answer to that question may surprise us.

We will explore that question using the DVD “Jesus as Liberator” by Richard Rohr in the Monday Zoom Online Bible Discussion - Six Weeks

Beginning January 26, 2026

6:30-7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/84128989887?pwd=JiQH5EO45BsTpx5fAexVsmKJ2WKXwY.1>

Meeting ID: 841 2898 9887

Passcode: 042095

Missions—Habitat for Humanity Drive

Every home begins with a strong foundation. One of the reasons we support Habitat for Humanity is because they not only lay a strong foundation for the physical homes they build but also because they work with the homeowners to be sure that they have a strong financial foundation so that the home they build can truly become their forever home. The concrete foundation for our Habitat home is being poured this week. Help support our Habitat family by donating to the cost of that concrete.



Thank you to everyone who came to the 2025 Bible Challenge celebration.





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/>

Donate Online:
<https://chandlermethodist.org/donate/> or scan the QR code



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 this weekend:

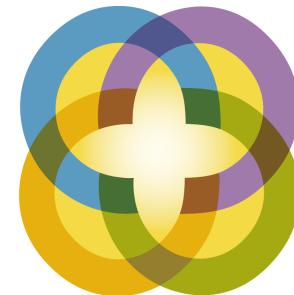
Scripture:
“Matthew 4:12-23”

Sermon: “Collaboration”

Webpage: <https://chandlermethodist.org/the-changemakers/>



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Rev. Dr. Candace J. Lansberry, Senior Pastor
Mission: To grow disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Vision: We are a **community** of grace, joyfully growing together in our **connection** with God, collaboratively serving, and celebrating living the light of Christ.