



CHANDLER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 8th, 2026

Bible Challenge 2025 Celebration

On January 10 from 2-4 pm gather with all those who have participated in any way in the Bible Challenge 2025—daily readings, podcasts, classes, worship—as we celebrate our accomplishment, share our stories, test our learning, receive a special token of participation, and feast together. We are having a potluck, so please sign up with the Leadership Board.



January Missions

The next Habitat for Humanity House that the Mighty United Methodist Coalition will be building gets started in January. Volunteer dates are all on Saturday mornings and you can pick the one(s) that best fit your schedule. If you'd like to give a hand – no particular construction skills are needed – please reach out to Mark (402)659-3443 or Marcia Shirk (402)650-2369.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

CUMC is planning to re-start our Stephen Ministry in the coming year. Stephen Ministers are people who are trained to provide one to one Christ Centered care to others who are in need. This often involves ministry to the sick, those grieving the loss of a loved one, or those suffering from physical, psychological or emotional challenges. If you are a former Stephen Minister or if you would like to become one, please let Jim Fountain know and he will help you get started or get you more information.

Join
Adult & Family Ministries
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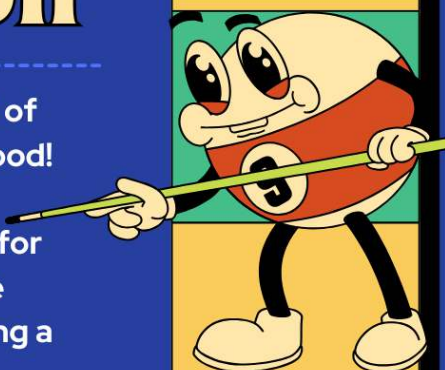
FUN FAMILY GAME NIGHT & POTLUCK

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



Bible Readings January 11th– 17th

- 11 ☐ Gen. 27,28; Ps. 4; Luke 11
- 12 ☐ Gen. 29,30; Luke 12
- 13 ☐ Gen. 31-33; Luke 13
- 14 ☐ Gen. 34-36; Luke 14
- 15 ☐ Gen. 37,38; Ps. 7; Luke 15
- 16 ☐ Gen. 39-41; Luke 16
- 17 ☐ Gen. 42,43; Ps. 5; Luke 17



Prayer Requests:

- Roger and Judi Edmonds request prayer for sister-in-law Jeanie, who has been hospitalized and is growing weaker.
- Becca Khuu requests prayer for her friend and their family. They are having food insecurities and hardships financially. They need resources to help with rent and utilities.



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



WOW

January 13th

WOW, Women of the Word, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12 noon. We have a potluck luncheon, business meeting and program. This month our hostesses are Anne Richie and Marcie Fuller. Our opening prayer will be given by Connie Morrison. The program, "Why We Travel", will be presented by Marcia Shirk and Julie Chrislip. All women of the church are invited to come and enjoy fellowship together. We welcome newcomers!



I- Help

Monday, January 12th, 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.

Wonder Wednesdays: Monthly Musing (meets weekly):

January & February: Church Leadership

Jan. 14—Conversation - Scott Sossaman

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.



9:00 AM - January 17th

United Methodist Men Saturday Breakfast

Contact Jim Latter or
Rodger Page



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>

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Jesus As Liberator

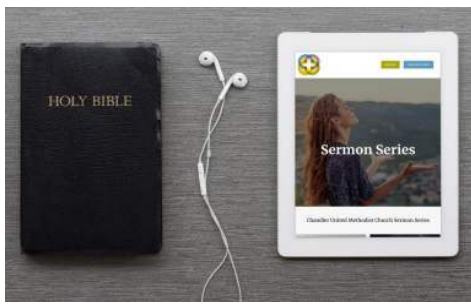
This is not the “church-ified” Jesus we are used to hearing about. It is not a Jesus that any political party can claim as their own. It is not a Jesus who came to make us good citizens and whose values just happen to coincide with our own.

Instead, Richard Rohr presents Jesus as a compelling person with a unique message that is both transforming and radical. And though we may not be used to understanding Jesus in the way he is presented here, we cannot help but feel that there is the ring of truth, that this is who we knew Jesus was all along. This is the Jesus we encounter when we read the gospels and let them speak for themselves.

Blessed are the changemakers.
Blessed are you who are not asleep
to the world's pain and suffering.
Blessed are you who lament for the way
things are.
Blessed are you who know, to the depth
of your bones,
that this is not how things are meant to
be.
Blessed are you for not believing the lie
that
this is how they will always remain.
Blessed are you who know that things
can change,
who long for things to change.
Blessed are you whose life's ambition is
to bring the change
that is justice and mercy for all.
Blessed are you who know that God has
always employed the faithful acts
of ordinary people to heal and change
this world.
Blessed are you who know that change
begins today,
change begins with us,
and that we are blessed to be the
changemakers.
Let the people say... Amen!



AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME



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:
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Church Calendar:
<https://57617618.view-events.com/calendar/57617618/>

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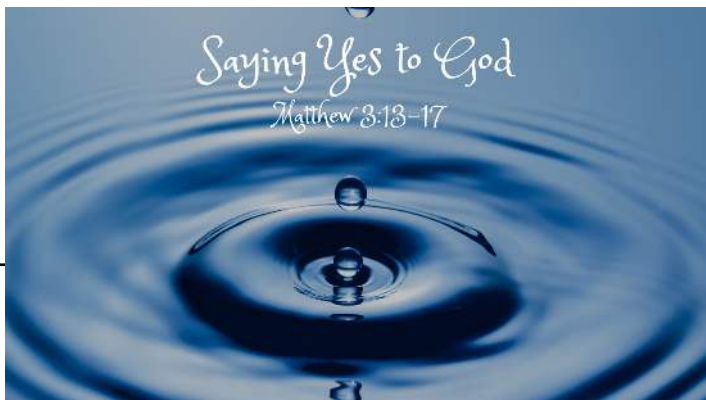
We will also be updating our Facebook page regularly. If you like our page it will show up in your feed. Search for Chandler United Methodist Church

Join us this weekend:

Scripture:
"Matthew 3:13-17"

Sermon: "Saying Yes to God"

Webpage: chandlermethodist.org



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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.