



CHANDLER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2nd, 2026

Chandler United Methodist Church

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# HOLY WEEK

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## PALM SUNDAY

March 29th

**9:00 AM • 10:30 AM**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2nd

*Dinner with Friends & Service:* **6 PM**

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd

*Meditation Walk:* **10 AM** • Stations of the Cross

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th

**9:00 AM • 10:30 AM**

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## Bible Readings: April 5th– 11th

- 5 ☐ Ruth 1,2; Ps. 53,61; 2 Cor. 5
- 6 ☐ Ruth 3,4; Ps. 64,65; 2 Cor. 6
- 7 ☐ 1 Sam. 1,2; Ps. 66; 2 Cor. 7
- 8 ☐ 1 Sam. 3-5; Ps. 77; 2 Cor. 8
- 9 ☐ 1 Sam. 6,7; Ps. 72; 2 Cor. 9
- 10 ☐ 1 Sam. 8-10; 2 Cor. 10
- 11 ☐ 1 Sam. 11,12; 1 Chr. 1; 2 Cor. 11



## Prayer Requests:

- Shannon Hofmann requests prayer for the family of Erick Tornbull and the family of Edgar Williams. Prayers for comfort as Edgar and Eric have recently passed on.
- Ruth and Del White requests prayer for Lois who is dealing with cancer for the 2nd time in 2 years. Prayers for comfort and peace for her, her husband and her family.
- Judy Mitchell requests prayer for our military men and women. Prayers for their safety in this war.
- Dottie Williams requests prayer for her sister, Sandra Shores. Sandra is now in hospice. Prayer for her comfort and family peace.



April: Red Mountain UMC, Mesa, AZ, Scottsdale UMC, Scottsdale, AZ, Shepherd of the Pines, Overgaard, AZ

A photograph of a breakfast spread on a white table. It includes a bowl of cereal with milk, a cup of coffee on a saucer, a plate with a fried egg and bacon, and a slice of toast with cheese. The text "Men's Breakfast" is written in a large, black, cursive font over the image.

Where: Black Bear Diner  
When: Friday, April 3rd @ 7:00 AM  
If you are interested, please RSVP to  
Jim Latter @  
[jimandlinlat67@gmail.com](mailto:jimandlinlat67@gmail.com)

AZCEND has been providing help and hope since 1966. It started out as the Chandler Christian Community Center—essentially a food bank.



For 60 years, AZCEND has been meeting life's most pressing need for food, safety and shelter, helping people who are struggling with hunger, poverty and homelessness.

Over time AZCEND has evolved and expanded to meet the changing and growing needs of our neighbors in Chandler, Gilbert and surrounding East Valley communities.

Today neighbors in need count on AZCEND for five core programs:

- Food boxes so that no one in our community goes to bed hungry
- Help paying rent & utilities keeping families in their homes
- Emergency shelter, a hot meal and shower helping people experiencing homelessness get back on their feet
- Early childhood literacy preparing little ones to succeed in kindergarten and in life

In 2025, Chandler UMC collected 3,549 pounds of food for the AZCEND Food Bank. We have a food drive twice a year. It is time to have our first food drive of 2026.

The April Spring Food Drive is looking for, but not limited to, the following items:

Canned fruit and vegetables—Canned meat and fish

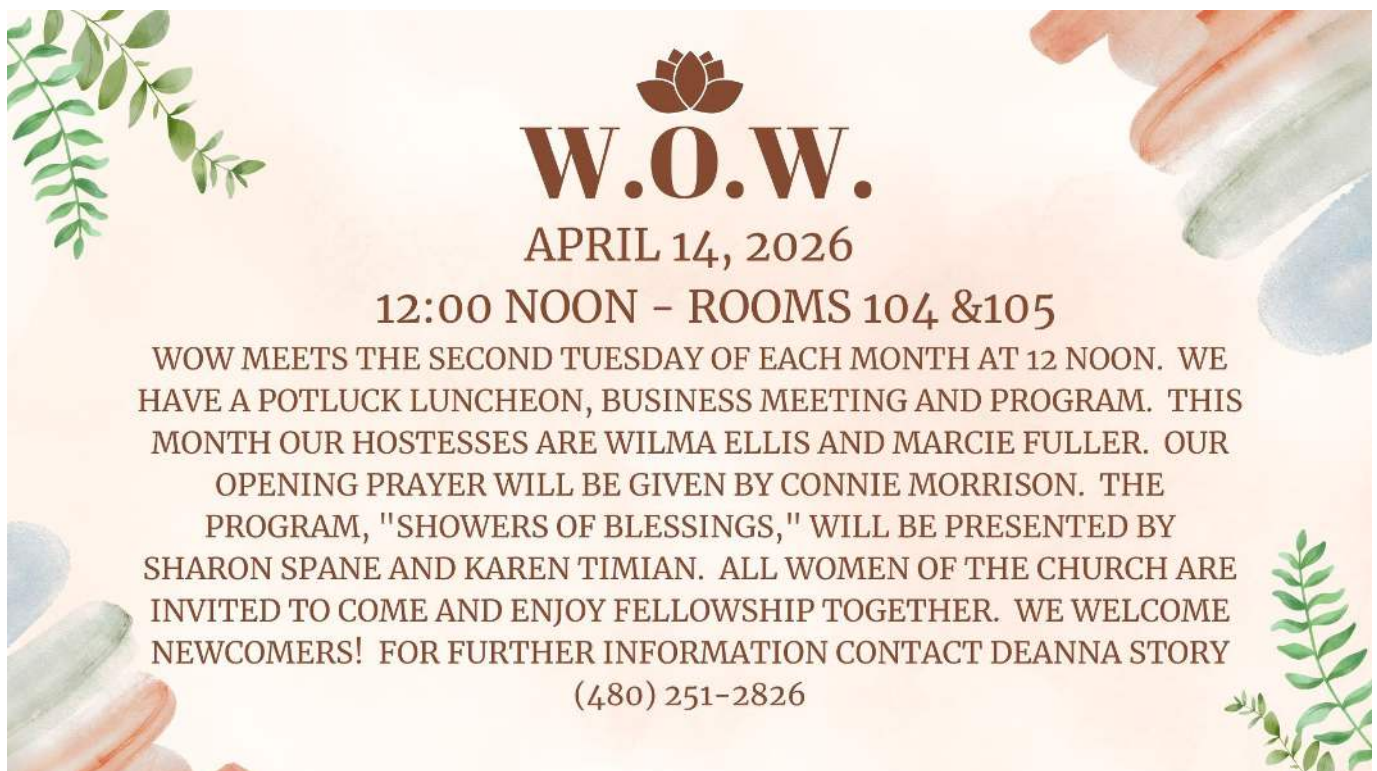
Beans—Soup

Peanut butter & jelly

Pasta and pasta sauce

Rice — Mac & Cheese

Cereal —Bottled water

The flyer has a light beige background with decorative watercolor-style brushstrokes in shades of green, blue, and orange. At the top center is a brown lotus flower icon. Below it, the text "W.O.W." is written in a large, bold, brown serif font. Underneath that, "APRIL 14, 2026" is written in a smaller, brown serif font. The next line reads "12:00 NOON - ROOMS 104 &105" in a bold, brown serif font. The main body of text is in a smaller, brown serif font, describing the event as a potluck luncheon, business meeting, and program. It lists the hostesses as Wilma Ellis and Marcie Fuller, the opening prayer by Connie Morrison, and the program "Showers of Blessings" presented by Sharon Spane and Karen Timian. It invites all women of the church and welcomes newcomers. The contact information for Deanna Story is provided at the bottom in a bold, brown serif font.

**W.O.W.**  
APRIL 14, 2026  
12:00 NOON - ROOMS 104 &105

WOW MEETS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 12 NOON. WE HAVE A POTLUCK LUNCHEON, BUSINESS MEETING AND PROGRAM. THIS MONTH OUR HOSTESSES ARE WILMA ELLIS AND MARCIE FULLER. OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN BY CONNIE MORRISON. THE PROGRAM, "SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS," WILL BE PRESENTED BY SHARON SPANE AND KAREN TIMIAN. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO COME AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER. WE WELCOME NEWCOMERS! FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT DEANNA STORY

**(480) 251-2826**

## CUMC Leadership Board Update

As a Leadership Board, we continue reading the Methodist Book of Daily Prayer to strengthen our faith and our spiritual habits. This month, we reviewed the updated 2025-2028 United Methodist Church Handbook. If you haven't read it in a while or if you have never read it, it is a quick read and a great resource to introduce you to who we are as United Methodists, how we are organized, and how we live out our mission.

This month, the Leadership Board approved several Building and Maintenance Ministry requests. All of these requests are clearly aligned to our board goal for ensuring that the building and property is optimized for church ministry. You will soon see changes inside and outside of the church building. It is due to the congregation's support that the church has the resources to update our worship space to be an inviting place to gather together.

A cross-functional team with representation from the Ushers, the Welcome Team, Building and Maintenance Ministry, Health and Wellness, and the Methodist Men will meet to create our Safety and Security Team. We look forward to hearing the recommendations from our Safety and Security Team on the safety and security needs of our church.

Mark your calendars for our next Townhall which will be held on May 25th.

### Join us for a picnic at the park hosted by Adult and Family Ministries!

Where? South Mountain Pavilion at Tumbleweed Park  
(2250 S. McQueen Rd.)

When? Saturday, April 11 from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

AFM will provide fried chicken, bottled water, plates, and utensils. We ask that everyone brings a side dish or dessert to share. All ages are invited! Come for a time of food, fellowship, and fun!



Enter Tumbleweed Park from Germann Rd. and take Hamilton St. Find a spot to park in parking lot #8 and then head to the ramada labeled B on the map. If you need help finding your way, call or text Christina at (480) 250-2292.

## **UMOM is a place of HOPE.**

From emergency shelter to affordable housing, UMOM offers a full slate of vital services, rooted in a foundation of trust and proactive support. Our programs are built around a simple formula: jobs + housing = ending homelessness. We work hand-in-hand with every person we serve to solve that formula alongside them.



### **Emergency Shelter**

Shelter is a start, not a solution. From the very first contact, we're preparing for a bigger goal: a return to the community in permanent housing. Our shelters serve families and single women experiencing homelessness.



### **Jobs & Supportive Services**

Obstacles to permanent housing take many forms. Access to job training, healthcare, healthy food, basic financial training, treatment – our programs and services help people tackle the issues that led to homelessness in the first place.

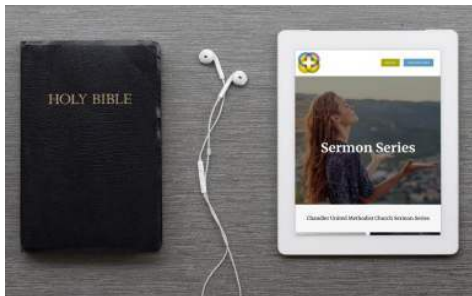


### **Affordable Housing**

Your Communion Offering on Easter Sunday will directly help UMOM to provide these valuable services.



As the Lenten season draws to a close, so does our collection of both money and items of need for the House of Refuge. Please refer to your Lenten calendar for ideas for giving and bring any items you will donate to the church by Easter Sunday. Your gifts of money can be placed in the offering plate, either in an envelope marked House of Refuge or with that designation written on your check memo line. Thank you for your generosity!



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



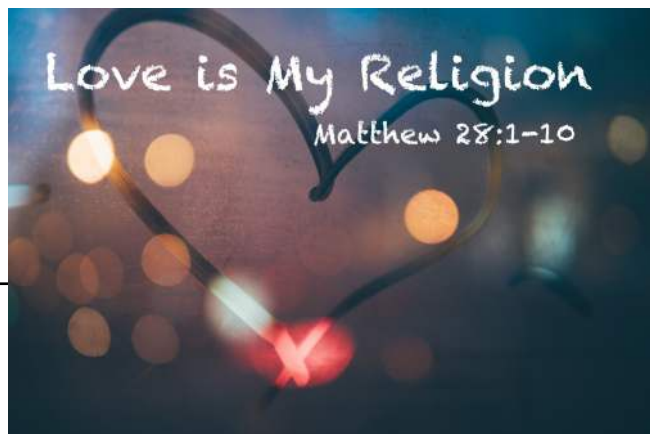
We will also be updating our Facebook page regularly. If you like our page it will show up in your feed. Search for Chandler United Methodist Church

*Join us this weekend:*

Scripture:  
"Matthew 28:1-10"

Sermon: "Love is My Religion"

Webpage: <https://chandlermethodist.org/>



## CONNECTIONS



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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.