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Chandler United Methodist Church  
450 E Chandler Heights Rd  
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Dear Friends at Chandler United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous in-kind donation to House of Refuge of children's toys, paper goods, and cleaning supplies. Your gift is more than an item—it's an act of kindness that reaches straight to the heart. Because of your thoughtfulness, families who have experienced homelessness are receiving what they need to rebuild their lives with dignity, stability, and hope.

Each day on our campus, parents are working hard to secure employment, pursue education, and create brighter futures for their children. Your generosity lightens their load, meets their immediate needs, and reminds them they are not alone.

One of our residents recently shared:

*"When I moved into House of Refuge, I finally felt safe. For the first time in years, I could focus on my goals instead of just surviving. My kids have a stable home, and I have the support I need to build a better future for us."*

This is the power of your giving. You've provided more than goods—you've offered **hope, stability, and a renewed sense of possibility.**

Thank you for believing that every family deserves to live safely, with dignity and hope.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Cruz  
Chief Development Officer

**P.S.** As you plan your year-end giving, consider pairing your in-kind generosity with a tax-wise financial gift—through your retirement account, appreciated stock, or other assets—to deepen your impact.

This letter confirms that no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. Please retain this letter for your records. House of Refuge, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation under IRS section 501(c)(3); all gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. You may use this receipt for your yearly tax-deductible donation to House of Refuge under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Law (ARS 43-1088). Tax ID 86-0662244, QCO Code 20170

## Bible Readings: April 19th-25th

- 19 ☐ 1 Sam. 22; Ps. 17,35; Mt. 6
- 20 ☐ 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 31,54; Mt. 7
- 21 ☐ 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57,58; 1 Chr. 8; Mt. 8
- 22 ☐ 1 Sam. 25,26; Ps. 63; Mt. 9
- 23 ☐ 1 Sam. 27; Ps. 141; 1 Chr. 9; Mt. 10
- 24 ☐ 1 Sam. 28,29; Ps. 109; Mt. 11
- 25 ☐ 1 Sam. 30,31; 1 Chr. 10; Mt. 12



### Prayer Requests:

- Judy Mitchell requests prayer for US military men and women. Prayers to keep them from harm's way.
- Marilyn Osborne requests prayer for the Lord's guidance of all world leaders to bring peace to all.
- Brandelyn Abner requests prayer for her brother-in-law, Marshall. Please give him the courage and strength to get help for his drinking and take care of his health issues.



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



Wonder Wednesday will be wrapping up with our final potluck on May 6th @ 5:00. The main dish will be burgers, cooked by our Men's Group. We won't have any classes that night, just a wrap up for the year with some good fellowship and reflection about these events.

Never fear, our yummy potlucks will continue. We will be switching over to Sunday Funday starting the second Sunday in June. The dates will be June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, and September 13th. These will be Brunch Potlucks, with egg dishes, sweet breads, and salads. With only 1 service, they will take place following the service and instead of Fellowship Time. We will have a community activity after each meal. Stay tuned for more details.



AFM Annual  
Picnic 2026



Giving food to AZCEND certainly makes a difference in the lives of many. Volunteering at AZCEND to sort and deliver this food directly to the people who need it helps not only those people but can bring you a sense of what life may be like for them and how what you are doing makes a real difference. We are once again offering the opportunity to work on **Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:15 am** preparing food carts for those who need them. Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway to let us know you are interested. You don't have to work every week so we will want enough people to commit that we can all have an occasional day off.



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



**I- Help**

**Sunday, April 26th, 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](mailto:bettyingram13@gmail.com) or call/text 602-571-5486.**



# NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Funds raised support these vital ministries through the Native American Ministries offering:

- **Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday stay within annual conferences to support Native American ministries.** Each annual conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) to develop these programs, advocate for ministry with Native Americans, and promote Native culture, history and traditions. CONAM also oversees the distribution of offerings, coordinates the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday and monitors Native ministries in annual conferences.
- **Twenty-five percent of donations fund scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at any approved theological school.** These scholarships address the significant shortage of Native American pastors and trained professionals, supporting higher education recruitment, retention and development efforts.
- **Twenty-five percent of donations collected are allocated to develop impactful programs.** These funds enable the UMC to collaborate with established Native ministries to create new initiatives for Native American communities. Some of these efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects and the revitalization of traditional practices that cultivate new leaders.

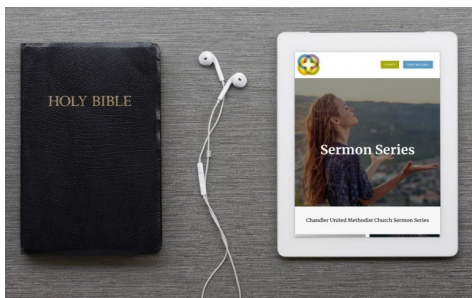
Worldwide, we celebrate the voices and ministry of Native Americans together.

## HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write "**Native American Ministries Sunday offering**" in the memo line.

To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [donate.gcfa.org/NAMS](https://donate.gcfa.org/NAMS).

**United in Impact:** Our Generosity Supports Native Ministries, Honors Native Voices, and Strengthens the Whole Church



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:  
"Luke 24:13-35"

Sermon: "Straight from the Heart"

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.