

FIRST EDITION

OCTOBER 2018

COMING HOME SUNDAY

- School Days -



GEORGE & BETTY FISHER

Sunday, October 14

- » wear school colors «
- » lunch after worship «
- » activities for the kids «
- » pie auction «
- » invite NEW friends «

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Coming Home Sunday

Every year we like to celebrate the return of our winter visitors, our kids & college students back in full-swing at school, cooler weather, and preparing for the holiday season!

This year's theme is: SCHOOL DAYS!

Wear your favorite school colors to worship on Sunday, then join us at 10:30am for lunch

with our annual pie auction, activities for the kids, and a slideshow featuring everyone's favorite school portrait. Please visit tempefirstumc.org/events to sign up for volunteering and to upload your school photo by October 10th.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1ST - SUNDAY NOV. 4TH

Annual

Holiday Boutique

Sponsored by Stitch in Time

Thursday, Nov. 1 thru Saturday,
Nov. 3, 10am-4pm

Sunday, Nov. 4, 8:30am-12pm

Handcrafted Gifts & Home Decor
All proceeds benefit local missions.

Find out everything you need to know about our events
on our website at: tempefirstumc.org/events

MORE EVENTS COMING UP



OCTOBER 13 | 10:00AM

Blessing of the Animals

We'll be having a special service on Saturday, October 13th at 10am for a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets (on a leash or in a carrier) and we'll have a blessing outside for our furry friends.

If you can, please also think about bringing a donation of dog or cat food for our homeless pets that visit during our Urban Outreach ministry!



OCTOBER 13 | 6:00PM

Boomer's Group – Crazy Hat Party

Let's wear a hat or two for our costume party!! It will be a great time for food and fellowship!!!

Everyone please bring a fall color food and BYOB. RSVP by Oct. 10 to the church office and get location details and potluck sign-up information on our website at tempefirstumc.org/events.

IN MISSION



It's time for Feliz Navidad gift bags!

This mission is coordinated with Tempe First, Desert Foothills, and Red Mountain United Methodist churches to provide Christmas gift bags to needy children in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The Fuente de Vida Methodist Church in Agua Prieta is in one of the poorest areas of this border town. It also serves as an outreach community in an equally poor mining town, Cananea, which is about 50 miles south of Agua Prieta.

The Feliz Navidad project provides a gift bag containing a new sweatshirt, food snacks, candy and other small gift items. It gets cold in this mining town, which is why a sweatshirt has been chosen as the major gift.

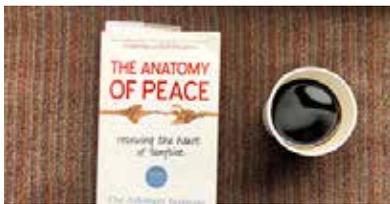
Please fill a bag to help give these children a little Christmas joy. The bags (along with names, ages & sizes) will be available at church on Sundays, October 28 and November 4. Read more about this special ministry on our website at tempefirstumc.org/feliz-navidad.

UMOM Walk Results

UMOM New Day Centers would like to thank you for attending our Walk the Walk to End Homelessness on Saturday. You not only raised awareness for those experiencing homelessness—you also made history! UMOM is submitting final documents and details, however we believe we had 1,605 participants in our world record attempt, which unofficially breaks the world record! We will officially announce our standing in the coming months so stay tuned!

We thank you for coming together to raise awareness and funds to help UMOM provide shelter, services and affordable housing for families, single women and youth experiencing homelessness. You have been truly instrumental in our mission to prevent and end homelessness. We are grateful for your generous support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Anatomy of Peace Study

In September, we started a 12-week book study all about the Anatomy of Peace. As of the first Sunday in October, we'll be discussing Chapters 4&5, but you can still join in on Sunday's class or contact Rev. Rosemary to join Thursday's class. More information about the book can be found on our website's events page at tempefirstumc.org/events.

Don Carlos Impact Award

A wonderful celebration was had at the 35th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards! Tempe First's Urban Outreach ministry was honored with the Impact Award from the Tempe Community Council. "In recognition of your extraordinary compassion and long-time service in caring for those homeless in Tempe." Congratulations to all our volunteers and coordinators that work with Urban Outreach! We appreciate all that you do at Tempe First for our homeless and our community! Thank you! [View more photos from the event on our Facebook page.](#)



Veteran's Day Photo Request

Veteran's Day falls on a Sunday this year and we would like to do something special for our veterans in our church family. We'll have special music during Sunday's service and we'd love to feature photos of our veterans on the cover of that Sunday's bulletin. You can upload your veterans photo on our website at tempefirstumc.org/photo-upload or bring a hard copy to the church office before Nov. 1st. Forever thankful for your service!



Love Knots

Love Knots will gather on Thursday, October 18, from 10am-12pm to make blankets for those who need prayer and comfort. Our group is in need of donations to make more fleece blankets. We need 1 & 1/4 yard of a printed fleece and a coordinating solid color in the same size. Keep an eye out for JoAnn's coupons online. Please deliver fabrics to the church office by Monday, October 15. Thank you for your support!

VITAL FAITH

"Our church is not about what we want, but what God has asked us to do"... "to be a force in this community."

— Rev. Camille Pentzil



We are pleased to announce our next steps to transitioning with our growing community in Downtown Tempe. We want to thank all of our members who attended our two town hall meetings earlier this year that helped us gather and present information to make this next transition a wonderful step in our church's life.

A Discovery Process of Potential & Vitality

As part of process established in the Book of Discipline, paragraph 212: Churches in Transitional Communities, we are now beginning a partnership with the Desert Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church to evaluate the ministry potential and vitality of our church.

The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate the position of the church and to make recommendations with the intention of strengthening the church's future. Tempe First's Church Council has requested the Director of New and Vital Faith, along with the District Superintendent, to begin this step of the process. All members of the church will be invited to share their faith-filled input. Care will be given to keep the congregation informed throughout the process. Sign-up times for the interview dates will be announced ASAP. Read more about this at tempefirstumc.org/vitalfaith

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Worship with us:

Sundays | 8:00 & 9:30am

Rev. Camille Pentsil, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rosemary Anderson, Community Minister
Rev. Jeri Wilkerson, Wesley Campus Ministry

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FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER suggestions? or need to add something for next month? Please contact our Marketing & Communications Director, Jennifer Testamarck >> jenn@tempefirstumc.org

OFFICE MEMOS

Service & Event Requests >>

If you are in need of any services from our building superintendent, Jack Sarrett, or our custodial team, please first put a request through the church office. For events, we have facility use forms to help make sure your events have the proper set up & staff needed. Those forms are also available through Yolanda in the church office.

No Flu Clinic >>

There will be no flu clinic offered at the church this season since our previous pharmacist is no longer offering this service. We encourage everyone to get their flu shot at their local pharmacy or doctor's office this year. Thank you!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Advent Events

Believe it or not, it's time to plan for Advent season! If you would like to volunteer, host a special event or add a new class this coming holiday season, all you need is an idea, and then we can start the conversation for how to get it started for you and our church family. We'll help you determine when is the best time to have it, where it can be hosted, and how we can get more people involved.

Email your ideas to our marketing & communications director to get started:
jenn@tempefirstumc.org!

FEATURED MEMBER MOMENT

Mission Memories at Tempe First by Linda Dennis

I've been asked to put into words memories of Tempe First's amazing women who have had a great impact on my life. Prior to my retirement from ASU, I volunteered at our church office assisting with finance data. I had been a member of Tempe First and United Methodist Women (UMW) since the 1970's which gave me the opportunity to get closer to and admire the church women who gave back to the community. Looking ahead to retirement, I needed an outlet for "giving back", and when my Sunshine circle disbanded I looked for another group with which to connect. I found Stitch in Time.

It just so happened that I had cut fabric pieces for a quilt years before, and did not have the knowledge to move forward. I knew that this group made many items that always gave back to the community and I wanted to know if these talented women would accept this pile of scrap pieces and teach me how to finish the quilt. So, I learned many talents with, Doris

MacLiver, Phyllis Malone Stressman, Billie Bogart, Mauvy Felts, Mary Jo Cranwell, Sally Atsumi and Marjorie Fetterhoff, to name a few. My desire was that the finished quilt would be given to the new owners of a recently built Habitat Home. The association with Habitat still continues today. The year we finished the quilt, we had so many sewn and crafted items that we asked the UMW Cookie Walk folks if we could offer a boutique of sorts to help increase mission dollars they were hoping to acquire. Our amazing boutique is still connected with the Cookie Walk and giving back to the community through missions.

Stitch in Time has grown enormously in these past 18 years. We have created a separate November boutique to accommodate the talented members' creations. Our mission is still focused on "giving back" which we emphasize at our church. To date, we have provided \$26,670. There is always an open invitation to anyone interested in donating handmade items to the November boutique and, if seeking a group for fellowship, to please join us.

TEMPE FIRST UMC: OCTOBER 2018

Monday, October 1

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, October 2

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

Wednesday, October 3

9:30am Stitch in Time

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Book Club

7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, October 4

10:00am Friends & Fellowship Potluck

7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, October 5

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Saturday, October 6

9:00am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class

10:00am Church Conference

Sunday, October 7

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, October 8

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 9

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

6:00pm Worship Committee

6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Wednesday, October 10

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, October 11

7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, October 12

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Saturday, October 13

10:00am Blessing of the Animals

6:00pm Boomer's Group – Crazy Hat Party

Sunday, October 14

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

10:30am Coming Home Sunday Celebration

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, October 15

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, October 16

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

6:45pm Dinner & Dialogue / Crafts

Wednesday, October 17

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, October 18

10:00am Love Knots

7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, October 19

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Sunday, October 21

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, October 22

6:00am Urban Outreach

2:00pm Monday Book Club

Tuesday, October 23

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

Wednesday, October 24

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, October 25

7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, October 26

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Sunday, October 28

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, October 29

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, October 30

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

Wednesday, October 31

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

**Calendar dates are subject to change,
so be sure to check out our
~~up-to-date~~ calendar on our website at:

tempefirstumc.org/calendar