

FIRST EDITION

NOVEMBER 2018

It's Coming! November 18, 2018

Sunday, November 18 is our congregation's Consecration Sunday. Please plan to attend two important events: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship that same day (a catered meal, not a potluck dinner).

This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development. We believe that our members are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make financial commitments as an act of worship in the church sanctuary. Please join us November 18th!



The United Methodist Women are gearing up once again for their Annual Holiday Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 8th, beginning at 9 am in Ross Hall. Your help is needed! Dozens of home-baked cookies and other goodies are needed for this fundraiser. Last year, our talented congregation donated over 8,000 baked cookies to the Cookie Walk and it would be great if we could match or exceed that number. So, it's time to dust off your family recipes and share the results with all of us. (Christmas shaped and decorated cookies are especially popular.) There are many other volunteer opportunities both on the day of the event and the day before.

We also need your help to spread the word about the Cookie Walk with your friends and family, encouraging them to come out to the Cookie Walk. This year we will once again have two box sizes available for purchase and the prices have not changed – They are still a great deal at \$15 and \$20. Customers purchase a box, and then fill it with cookies of their choice. We have a new, bigger flyer this year for easy sharing. The Cookie Walk proceeds will go to: Women 4 Women, Urban Outreach, the Wesley Foundation and Pathway to Work. Stitch in Time will also be holding an additional day of their Christmas Boutique with many handmade items for sale. Plan to join us for a festive start to the Holiday Season! For more information or to volunteer as a baker and/or helper, please contact Carmina Loreda through the church office.

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

MORE EVENTS COMING UP



NOVEMBER 10 | 10:00AM

Cookie Workshop

The 42nd Annual Cookie Walk is just around the corner & we are looking for new bakers!

If you have never baked a cookie in your life, would like to learn to make delicious cookies, are willing to share your baking skills with others or simply enjoy making cookies but hate to clean-up your kitchen, come join us for a Cookie Baking Workshop on , November 10th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. We will provide all of the materials for the cookie dough.

RSVP required. You can RSVP thru our hosts, Carmina Loredo or Claire Nullmeyer, or by calling/emailing the church office. Bakers of all ages are welcome!



VARIOUS DATES & TIMES

Holiday Boutique

Please join us at the Tempe First United Methodist Church's Annual Boutique. We had a great opening on Nov. 1st & 2nd, and we have the following dates & times open for shopping all our handcrafted items:

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

Saturday, Dec. 8 – 9am-2pm (with Cookie Walk!)

Sunday, Dec. 9 – 8:30am-12pm

Gifts for Family & Friends
Jewelry – Apparel – Unique Crafts
Homemade Treats

All proceeds benefit local missions.



NOVEMBER 20 | 7:30PM

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

A long-standing tradition in Tempe as people from various faiths come together in solidarity to promote peace, well being, and thanks-giving.

Join us Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30pm.
Service will be hosted by Temple Emanuel of Tempe:
5801 S. Rural Road, Tempe 85283.



DECEMBER 9 | 9:30AM

Save the Date: Christmas Cantata

Our Sanctuary Choir will feature "Season of Praise" by Joseph M. Martin at our 9:30am service.

A Christmas celebration for choir, soloists, flute, and piano. The cantata will include traditional carols and new compositional works. Featuring Tracy Werner playing flute, and Scott Schuett on piano.



NOVEMBER 29 | 6:00PM

Blue Christmas Service

We'll hold a special service for those who might be feeling lonely during the holidays and help prepare ourselves for a season of hope this coming Advent and Christmas season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 be sure to grab a bag to fill on November 4th. Read more about this special ministry on our website at tempefirstumc.org/feliz-navidad.



Habitat for Humanity

Once again we are in our end-of-the-year fundraising mode for Habitat for Humanity. The Arizona tax credit limits remain at \$400.00 per individual and \$800.00 per married couple. This credit is available in addition to the school tax credit and it can be claimed, as an offset against tax owed, even though a taxpayer does not itemize. Please make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity and turn them in to the church office no later than December 28 to receive the tax credit for 2018.

Holy Huddle on the Future of the UMC

In order to better understand and prayerfully share our thoughts for our Church, Bishop Hoshibata is inviting laity and clergy to participate in a Holy Huddle on the Future of The United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 17, from 1-4:30pm at North Scottsdale UMC. The Holy Huddles are open to all persons who want to come and participate in Christian conversations about the future of our church. We will be hearing some background material to set the stage for our Huddles, but much of our time will be spent in conversation around tables, sharing our thoughts with one another. There will also be time for questions from individuals. All of this will be bathed in a prayerful, worshipful spirit and will include holy communion as the sacramental act which unifies us.

Walk to Emmaus

Many Tempe First members have attended previous Walk to Emmaus Weekends. For many, this is an experience of a lifetime, in spiritual renewal and transformation. The Walk to Emmaus is a three day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a life style. It is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church and Disciples of Christ. You spend three busy and enjoyable days living, studying, worshiping, singing, and praying together. There are many surprises that happen along the journey that let you really experience Christ's grace and love in a very personal way. Two upcoming walks in the Valley are: January 31 to February 3, 2019 for the Men's walk and February 7-10 for the Women's walk. Both weekends will be at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church. Please contact Sonia Burns or Tonia Smith for more information. Applications will be available in the church office.

Updates from UMOM

The 2018 Holiday Tribute Cards are here! Contact Judy Sarrett to purchase these lovely cards to honor the special people in your life, by providing safe shelter to the most vulnerable people in our community, homeless children, teens, women, and families. UMOM is requesting donations of \$25 grocery store gift cards to provide families with a Thanksgiving meal during Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week (Nov. 10-18). Please submit gift cards by Nov. 8. Giving Tuesday is November 27! Please consider making an on-line, tax credit contribution this date. Gifts this date will be matched dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$25,000! Visit the umom.org for more information. The annual Holiday Gift Drive provides holiday gifts for up to 600 individuals. UMOM is requesting new, unwrapped gifts for children, teens, and adults by December 7. Volunteer in the UMOM gift wrapping room! Contact Carter Anderson at canderson@umom.org ASAP to register for this popular, fun event! Adopt A Family! Receive details about the family you adopt, plus a wish list, to assist you in your shopping. Wrap and label your gifts and deliver them to UMOM by December 7. Contact Amanda Montelongo-Fisher at 602-362-5837. Support UMOM with an end-of-year Arizona Charitable Tax Credit; up to \$400 for individuals and up to \$800 for couples!

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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!

NEWSLETTER REQUESTS

Winter Newsletter

The Christmas season also means some much needed rest & family time for our staff, therefore our January newsletter will come out either mid-January or in combination with February's news.

If you have anything you would like added to December's newsletter for events occurring in early January, please be sure to email them to our marketing & communications director: jenn@tempefirstumc.org by November 20th.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Anatomy of Peace

The Adult Sunday School class at Tempe First had just concluded their discussion of Chapters 3 & 4 of The Anatomy of Peace as the tension and struggle over Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings came to a peak.

As this was discussed in class, someone said, "Wouldn't it be great to send copies of Anatomy of Peace to every member of Congress? To have a copy at each of their seats when they reconvene their next session?" Someone said, "Well, how about we start closer to home and have copies at each seat of our city council at their next session? Get it to the Mayor."

As we discussed this further, we decided to start at home, yes, at our Tempe Community Council, as well as have copies of the book at every seat of our AZ State Legislature. This means, to equip our State Legislature with 90 books at a cost of \$10 each, by January 14, 2019.

Members of this class, led by Rev. Rosemary Anderson, wonder how many other churches have led studies on The Anatomy of Peace. Would those groups be interested in joining in with this project? If this goes well, we will discuss extending the project, to have copies for Congress!

The members of the discussion class believe this action would benefit our state and country by introducing our leaders to the beneficial concepts of civil discussion, what we, in the United Methodist Church call "Holy Conferencing." We are tired of the hateful rhetoric, anger, and bullying at all levels of leadership of our country. We want to lend our voice and action to further transformation in our state and country for God, in the name of Jesus Christ! Please prayerfully consider joining us.

TEMPE FIRST UMC: NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday, November 1

10:00am Holiday Boutique
10:00am UMW Leadership Team
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, November 2

6:00am Urban Outreach
10:00am Holiday Boutique
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Sunday, November 4

8:00am Communion Service
8:30am Holiday Boutique
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, November 5

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, November 6

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
6:00pm Worship Committee
7:00pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, November 7

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, November 8

7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, November 9

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Saturday, November 10

9:00am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class
10:00am Cookie Workshop

Sunday, November 11

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, November 12

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 13

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Wednesday, November 14

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, November 15

10:00am Love Knots
10:00am Unity Circle (new date due to Thanksgiving)
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, November 16

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Saturday, November 17

1-4:30pm Holy Huddles at North Scottsdale UMC

Sunday, November 18

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, November 19

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, November 20

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
6:45pm Dinner & Dialogue
7:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 21

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, November 22 Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 23

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Sunday, November 25

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, November 26

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, November 27

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

Wednesday, November 28

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, November 29

6:00pm Blue Christmas Service
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, November 30

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

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

tempefirstumc.org/calendar