

FIRST EDITION

DECEMBER 2018



DECEMBER 24 | 7:30PM & 11:00PM

Christmas Eve Services

Please join us for two special services on Monday, December 24 for Christmas Eve—one at 7:30pm and the other at 11:00pm.

We're celebrating the birth of our savior with music, worship, candle lighting and more! Both services will be family-friendly and we hope you will invite all your family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the reason for the season!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 9:30AM

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.

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

MORE EVENTS COMING UP



DECEMBER 8 | 9:00AM

42nd Annual Cookie Walk

The United Methodist Women have their Annual Holiday Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 8th, beginning at 9am in Ross Hall. This year we will once again have two box sizes available for purchase and the prices have not changed—a great deal at \$15 and \$20. Customers purchase a box, and then fill it with cookies of their choice. If you have never attended our Cookie Walk, this is the year.

Just a heads up...Last year thousands of cookies were snatched up in under 15 minutes (no joke), so get in line before the doors open at 9am! We'll see you then!



DECEMBER 8 & 9

Holiday Boutique

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

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.



DECEMBER 13 | 6:00PM

Christmas Celebration Potluck

Our all-church Christmas potluck will be in Ross Hall on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, beverages will be provided. A Christmas carol sing-along will be the entertainment and everyone is invited for this special holiday event!



DECEMBER 14 | 8:00PM

Girls' Night

We have a new group that has formed for the younger women of our the church. Please join us for a night of fellowship together—guaranteed filled with lots of laughs and blooming friendships!

Contact Rev. Camille for more information!



DECEMBER 16 | 11:00AM

New Members Class

Looking to learn more about the United Methodist Church? Have you been attending services for awhile and want to officially become part of our church family? Join us for our New Members Class!



DECEMBER 22 | 6:00PM

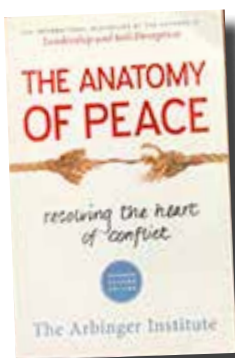
Boomers Group Christmas Party

Our Boomers will be celebrating together at the Schock's home on Saturday, December 22. Bring a holiday dish to share! We'll sing holiday songs and eat happily with each other!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias

We will be decorating the sanctuary with Poinsettias as part of our Christmas celebration. If you are interested in purchasing one, please fill out one of our forms and place in the offering plate with payment attached. You may also bring forms and payment to the church office by the order deadline. Cost for each plant will be \$10.00. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 16th. Make checks payable to Tempe First UMC with FLOWERS in the lower left corner.



Anatomy of Peace

The Adult Sunday School class at Tempe First still continues their discussion of The Anatomy of Peace. While they are continuing their class, they are raising funds to purchase copies of the book to be sent to every seat of AZ State Legislature. This means, to equip our State Legislature with 90 books at a cost of \$10 each, by January 14, 2019. If this goes well, we will discuss extending the project, to have copies for Congress! We have 35/90 books funded so far!

The Anatomy of Peace Discussion Class intends to finish the book before Christmas. Participants should plan to discuss four chapters on Sunday, December 2nd (Chapters 17-20), and the remaining four chapters on December 9. If we don't complete these chapters as planned, we still have the 16th to finish up!

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 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!

Want to join our eNews Newsletter for updates and announcements in your inbox?

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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

Job Opening >>

We are currently in search of a new Administrative Secretary! You can read more about the position and apply at: tempefirstumc.org/jobs
Please pass along our job posting to friends and family who would love to assist our church's ministry.

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!

FEATURED CLASS

Body Works

Holiday Class at Church

Did you know that a body works/toning class is offered at the church on Saturday mornings? Come and join and get some help toning your body for the Christmas season.

The class will meet at 9:00am in the Parlor on December 15 and December 22.

Questions? Contact Cris by calling the church office for her information. The class will begin again with the new year on January 5 and meet regularly on Saturday mornings.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Habitat for Humanity

Our next Habitat for Humanity build will begin in December at 1937 E. Don Carlos in Tempe. The first designated build date for Tempe First is on Saturday, January 19, 2019 and we will need 6 volunteers on that date. Additional volunteer opportunities will be available as the build progresses. If you are interested in joining the crew or providing lunch for one of the build dates, please contact Charlie Schock at schockckkd@aol.com.

Please consider a contribution to Habitat for Humanity and qualify for the Arizona tax credit. 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. Although the credit is available for donations made through April 15, 2019, your gift by the end of the calendar year will help us fund the current build. You can either leave your check (payable to Habitat for Humanity) in the church office or contribute online, indicating that it is to be credited to Tempe First / Mighty United Methodist Coalition.



TEMPE FIRST UMC: DECEMBER 2018

Sunday, December 2 – 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30am Cookie Workshop
11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, December 3

6:00am Urban Outreach
2:00pm Monday Book Group

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 5

9:30am Stitch in Time
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, December 6

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

Friday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 8

9:00am Holiday Boutique
9:00am 42nd Annual Cookie Walk
11:00am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 9 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am Holiday Boutique
9:30am Christmas Cantata
11:00am Study: Anatomy of Peace
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 12

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 13

6:00pm Christmas Sing-Along Celebration
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, December 14

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study
8:00pm First Love Girls' Night

Saturday, December 15

9:00am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, December 16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, December 17

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

10:00am Love Knots
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, December 21

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

Saturday, December 22

9:00am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:00am Urban Outreach
7:30pm Christmas Eve Service
11:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 26

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 27

7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 30

8:00am Communion Service
9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, December 31

6:00am Urban Outreach

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