

FIRST EDITION

JANUARY 2019



SATURDAY, JAN. 19 | 9:30AM

Special Saturday worship service!
No service Sunday, Jan. 20th

Please mark your calendars that we will not have Sunday service on Jan. 20, due to Rock & Roll marathon race event! We'll be worshipping instead on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 9:30am.



I-Help has an urgent need to prayerfully consider!

We need fifteen 15 volunteers to divide up Sunday evenings and host our homeless guests from 3-7pm. They will welcome other churches who are scheduled to bring in the meal to serve. If we are able to put together four teams of three or four people (a family, a church group, or a few friends!), then each Sunday we would have wonderful coverage for I-Help.

Many of you remember when I-Help began as Tempe's first answer to sheltering the homeless in 2006. It began as a project of the Tempe Interfaith Fellowship, under the supervision of the Rev. Dave Summers, and was eventually taken over by the Tempe Community Action Agency, who have been administering it since.

I-Help is still a favored mission outreach of Tempe First. We have wonderful volunteers who have hosted I-Help at our church every Sunday evening for many, many years. Larry and Barb Mishler, and, Kathy Stoppel, have shown up every Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm to open Ross Hall and to make certain everything is ready to welcome forty (40) screened individuals and the monitors for the evening. They also make certain everything is ready to welcome the church who brings the meal for that Sunday. They leave the premises around 7:00pm. I-Help is a well-structured, self-monitored program. All individuals are screened and interviewed before they are admitted to the program. Each person has a case manager and must be seeking to stabilize their life. They must be sober and/or clean.

Larry and Barb want to train interested volunteers before they leave! We can benefit from their 13 years of experience. Please pray about this opportunity to serve and contact Rev. Rosemary 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



JANUARY 15 | 6:45PM

Dinner & Dialogue

Join us for dinner & dialogue and fellowship with one another. This group gathers once a month with different potluck foods and a special program. The location changes every month, so be sure to contact the church office to RSVP and get directions. Led by Becky Hasler and Darlene Nidever.



JANUARY 18 & 19

Lay Servant Ministry Classes

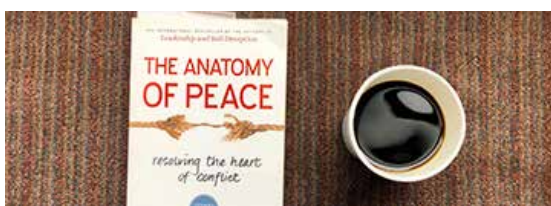
The Desert Southwest Conference is offering training scheduled for January 18 & 19, 2019 for an Introduction to Lay Ministry. This will be hosted at Epworth UMC in Phoenix. Pastor Bob Holliday has prepared an excellent class presentation. More information and registration is available at: dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions



JANUARY 28 | 2:00PM

Monday Book Club

Our next meeting is at Mary Jo's house on January 28 and we will be discussing the "Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. Pastor Rosemary will be discussing "The Anatomy of Peace" at our February meeting.



JANUARY 31 | 1:00PM

The Anatomy of Peace

There is a sign-up sheet in Ross Hall for the Thursday study of The Anatomy of Peace. This will be held from 1-2:30 p.m., at the church, beginning January 31. We need a group of 6, at least!

CONNECTING



FEBRUARY 16-18

Family Winter Camp @ Mings Mountain

Families are invited to reserve a room, or a rustic cabin, and join other churches around our conference for a winter experience at Mings Mountain Methodist Camp and Retreat Center.

Enjoy times of worship together, great meals in the Mings Dining Hall, evening campfires, and more.

Cabins are heated and have indoor bathrooms and bunks and range from \$150 to \$160 for two nights. Cost of food ranges from \$20-\$30 per person. Find out more and register your family for this event by visiting:

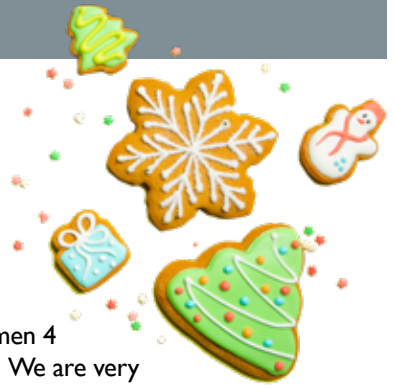
dscamps.org/family-winter-camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookie Walk--A Great Success!

The 42nd Annual Holiday Cookie Walk, a fundraiser sponsored by the United Methodist Women (UMW) in December, was once again a great success! Close to 8,000 holiday cookies along with sweet breads and other goodies were created and available for sale. Over \$3,300 was raised from the combination of monetary donations, the sale of cookies and goodies, and the hand-made gifts from Stitch in Time.

The UMW will make sizable donations to four local organizations – Women 4 Women, Urban Outreach, the Wesley Foundation, and Pathway to Work. We are very grateful for all the helping hands before, during and after the Cookie Walk. The United Methodist Women thanks the congregation for supporting this important ministry.



Urban Outreach Shower Ministry

Please prayerfully consider these needs for Urban Outreach in this new year:

Donations of: hair clipper sets, cases of bottled water, and blankets

Clothing Room Volunteer: Someone to come in from 5:45-10:00am on Mondays to work with another volunteer, supervising the number of items of clothing taken by each guest, helping guests find articles they need, dispensing hygiene items, and assisting in keeping up with the laundering of towels and recycled clothing.

2 Kitchen Volunteers: One person to come in from 5:45-9:00am on Mondays, and a second person to come in on Fridays. Both will be working with one or two others in serving food to guests, warming food in the microwaves, serving drinks, and washing dishes.

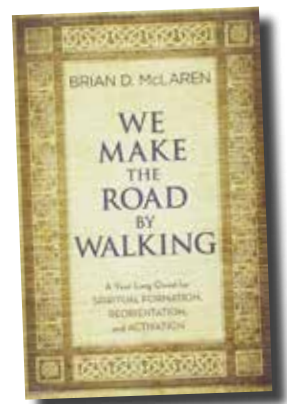
Please contact the church officer or connect directly with Rev. Rosemary to volunteer. Thank you.

“We Make the Road by Walking”

In October, at our church conference, District Superintendent Rev. Susan Brims asked everyone to join all the East District UMC's in reading the book, “We Make the Road by Walking” by Brian McLaren. This is a daily devotional to read at home every day, and then come together to discuss once a month.

The books will be available in Ross Hall on Sunday, January 20 for \$14. Copies of this book will be available in the church office Tuesday through Friday, and in Ross Hall on Sundays.

Please begin reading the devotionals from the date you receive your book so we are current. Our meeting time for discussion will be the fourth Sunday of every month. YES, our first discussion will be January 27, after worship. This is a very different way to study together! May God be with us as we walk together! With questions, call Rev. Rosemary at 480-688-4664 or email pastorrosemary@tempefirstumc.org



UMOM Thank You!

Once again, members of Tempe First UMC generously purchased UMOM Holiday Tribute cards to honor, or remember, friends and family. Tribute card purchases provide food and shelter for the most vulnerable living in the Valley of the Sun: homeless families, homeless women, and unaccompanied teens. On their behalf, and on the behalf of UMOM New Day Centers, Thank You!

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Go to tempefirstumc.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the link “Join Our Email List”



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Worship with us:

Sundays | 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 submit to the church office (office@tempefirstumc.org) by the 15th of this month.

OFFICE MEMOS

No 8:00am Service

There will no longer be an 8:00am services on Sundays. Please join us for our 9:30am service every Sunday.

Friendly Reminder:

Due to the Rock & Roll Marathon race on January 20th, service will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 9:30am.

There will NOT be service held on Sunday, January 20th.

FEATURED MINISTRY

Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir helps lead our worship at the 9:30 a.m. service and is open to all adults who love to sing.

The choir rehearses Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.



COLLEGE MINISTRIES

ASU Students are back for the 2019

Winter / Spring Semester!

Wesley for college students meets every Wednesday night from 7-8pm. We gather around the dinner table and discuss religion, faith, how are lives are going and where we want to be. We end with song, prayer and communion.

Come join us for dinner and discussion together in Ross Hall. Stay for as long as you can and feel free to come late, if needed.

Contact Rev. Jeri Wilkerson at jeri@valleywesley.com for more information.

Learn more about the Wesley Foundation at valleywesley.com.



TEMPE FIRST UMC: JANUARY 2019

Sunday, January 6

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

Monday, January 7

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth

Tuesday, January 8

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Wednesday, January 9

12:00 pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

10:00 am UMW Meeting
12:00 pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
2:00 pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, January 11

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00 pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Saturday, January 12

9:00am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, January 13

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

Monday, January 14

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
2:00pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck
6:30pm Trustees
7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, January 15

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth

Wednesday, January 16

12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Thursday, January 17

10:00am Love Knots
12:00 pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
2:00pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, January 18

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Saturday, January 19

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

Sunday, January 20

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, January 21

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
2:00pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck

Tuesday, January 22

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth

Wednesday, January 23

12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Thursday, January 24

12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
2:00pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck
7:00pm The Bible Study

Friday, January 25

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
7:00pm AfterGlow Bible Study

Sunday, January 27

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00am Book Discussion Group
4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, January 28

6:00am Urban Outreach
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
2:00pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck

Tuesday, January 29

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth

Wednesday, January 30

12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Thursday, January 31

12:00pm UMOM Resource Center for Homeless Youth
1:00pm Book Club - "The Anatomy of Peace"
2:00pm Children's Hospital Tumbleweed Truck
7:00pm The 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