

FIRST EDITION

MAY 2019

Appointment Announcements

We are delighted to announce the following changes that will be forthcoming regarding our leadership at Tempe First UMC:



Rev. Camille Pentsil

Recently, we announced that Rev. Camille Pentsil requested a change of appointment and we are pleased to announce that she has received a cross-conference appointment at Crossroads UMC in Portsmouth, Virginia in the Virginia Conference starting July 1, 2019. Her appointment as your pastor will end on June 30, 2019. In the time between now and then we know you will want to find appropriate ways to express your appreciation to Camille.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Please join us in wishing Rev. Camille and her husband, Gerald, a fond farewell on Sunday, June 2nd, following the service in Ross Hall.

Ice cream sundaes will be served.

Farewell Party



Rev. Dr. Kelly Bender

It is now our pleasure to share with you that after much prayer and discussion, Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata intends to appoint Rev. Dr. Kelly Bender as our senior pastor, starting July 1, 2019. Bishop Bob and the appointive cabinet asks that we join in prayer for Rev. Bender, Rev. Pentsil, her husband, Gerald, as well as the people of UMOM New Day Centers during this transition.

Pastor Jamie Booth

Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata, in prayer and discernment, intends to appoint Pastor Jamie Booth to serve as half-time Associate Pastor at Tempe First UMC and half-time ASU Wesley Foundation Pastor, effective July 1, 2019. This new appointment is made possible following the request of the Rev. Jeri Page for a move from her appointment as ASU Wesley Foundation Pastor to extension ministry at Honor Health Scottsdale Osborn and with the decision that Tempe First UMC is adding a part-time associate pastor position, after consultation with the SPRC of the Church and the ASU Wesley Board. Bishop Bob and the appointive cabinet asks that you be in prayer for Rev. Jeri and her family, Pastor Jamie and her family, Catalina UMC and ASU Campus Ministry as they enter this time of transition.



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

MORE EVENTS COMING UP



MAY 5 | 10:30AM

UMOM Youth Resources Open House

A presentation by UMOM Youth Resources will be given on Sunday, May 5, after worship. Richard Darling will have a presentation in Ross Hall, followed by an Open House of their office space. This is for everyone interested.



MAY 16 | 10:00 AM

Let's Do Breakfast!

Candy Raper will host brunch for our Love Knots group on May 16 from 10:00am-12pm at her home. Please RSVP to Candy Raper at tandc121@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

MAY 19 | 9:30AM

Staff Appreciation Sunday

Our hard-working and faithful staff will be recognized during the 9:30am service on Sunday, May 19. Please join us after service in Ross Hall to celebrate them and enjoy coffee and cake.

A big THANK YOU to our staff!



MAY 21 | 6:45 PM

Dinner & Dialogue

Join us on May 21 at 6:45-8:30pm for a potluck dinner and program at Sharon Clement's home. The program will be presented by Corliss Van Hook on Self-defense for Women. This is the last meeting until September! Have a great summer!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VITALITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE



Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Assessment Teams:

Grace and peace be with you as you serve Christ in all the ways you have been called to serve. I want to thank you for having faith in First UMC of Tempe as evidenced by your willingness to be part of one of the five teams formed in response to the Assessment done with the church this last year.

You are aware that First UMC-Tempe has entered a time of transition as you say good-bye to the Rev. Camille Pentsil and wait for the arrival of the next senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kelly Bender. As part of this change I have a request to make. I would ask that the teams take a step back and wait until Rev. Bender is present, to allow all of you the ability to dream, study and plan together when considering what God would have you do to reach the people in your community with God's love.

While you are in this time of waiting for the transition to take place, I would encourage you to channel your desire to see progress happen into prayer and into the reading and discussion of a book many have found helpful in working through the process of change. The book I would recommend is "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger. It is not a how-to about programs in the local church. It is a book about how to think about, plan and process change initiatives in a way that is powerful as churches consider how to adapt to our quickly changing society.

This is an exciting time for First UMC. I know that God will use all of you in ways that are truly transformational. I hold you in my prayers.

In Christ's Service, Susan
Rev. N. Susan Brims District Superintendent

JUNE 10-14 | 9AM-12PM

COME TO THE VBS MANE EVENT – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Experiencing God's Word At Roar, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day. This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

We need lots of volunteers to help run this event, so please see Maddie Griffin for more information and to register kids for this fun week-long event!



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Worship with us:

Sundays | 9:30am

Rev. Camille Pentsil, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rosemary Anderson, Community Minister
Rev. Jeri Page, 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.

BECOME A MEMBER

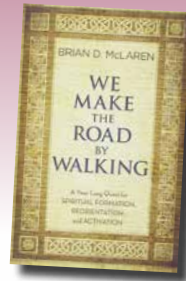
We welcome new members to our church community and family. If you are interested in joining our church, we invite you attend one of our new member orientations that are held throughout the year. In these sessions we talk about what it means to be a part of the Christian tradition and to be a United Methodist.

BOOK STUDY

For those reading along in our book study,
We Make the Road by Walking.

For the month of May, please read chapters
35, 36, 37, and 38.

All those interested in discussing the
readings, we will meet on Sunday, May 26.



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the faithful departed:

Doris Kingbaum

Jacqueline Sue Davis Lombardi

May they rest in peace.

THANK YOU



Book, Bake, Board Game Sale and Barbecue

Tempe First United Methodist Church's missions fundraiser held on April 6th & 7th was a huge success! We want to thank EVERYONE for the time and effort they invested to make this event possible.

For all of you avid readers who donated your books to the book sale, thank you for sharing your treasures. More than a thousand books were donated providing titles in numerous genres. Shoppers were delighted with the selections.

We had a bevy of baked bundles. The bakers are too numerous to mention individually, however, we want you all to know we appreciate your amazing culinary skills. Hats off to the Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study for filling the air with a delicious aroma from the hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by Jack Sarrett, Bob and Drew Nullmeyer, and Chuck Hasler.



We are happy to report that the all church Book, Bake, Board Game Sale and Barbecue realized \$1,200. These missions funds will be divided between the Youth Resource Center for Unaccompanied Teens at Tempe First and the Children's Programs at the UMOM New Day Center for children living in shelter. Well done good and faithful servants!

TEMPE FIRST UMC: MAY 2019

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

7:00pm Bible Study

Friday, May 3

6:00am Urban Outreach

Saturday, May 4

9:00am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, May 5

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

Monday, May 6

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

6:00am Urban Outreach

Saturday, May 11

9:00am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, May 12

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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

6:00am Urban Outreach

Saturday, May 18

9:00am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, May 19 – Staff Appreciation Sunday

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

Monday, May 20

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, May 23

10:00am Unity Circle
7:00pm Bible Study

Friday, May 24

6:00am Urban Outreach

Saturday, May 25

9:00am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, May 28

Office Closed – Observance of Memorial Day
6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey
6:30pm SPRC

Wednesday, May 29

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Wesley Campus Ministry

Thursday, May 30

7:00pm Bible Study

Friday, May 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