

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Worship** 5:00 p.m.—Chapel

**Sunday Worship** 9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary AND 9:30 a.m. Sunday Live Stream Worship available on https://willowbrookumc.org



**DEADLINE FOR the JUNE 2024** Good News is May 4, 2024



**Group Home or Care Facility:** 

- Donna Barr Helen Barton
- Richard Ceser
- **Dennis Lapic**
- Lois McCrea
- Fern McKnight

Pray for the following members in a

Avanti Senior Living Dana's Loving Care Highland Park Asst. Living Cami Assisted Living

Doc's Place Sagewood Assisted Living



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

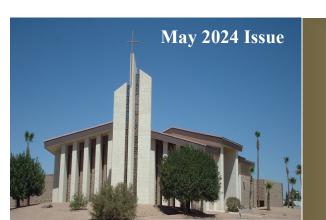
Monday-Friday—8:30am—4:00pm

#### Willowbrook United Methodist Church **OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER**

The ministers of this church are its members Those who assist them are:

Dedicated Lay Ministry—Stephen Ministry Gary Kennedy—Senior Pastor Ruth Blum—Associate Pastor Lois Hedden—Pastor of Visitation Laurie Lineberry—Director of Laity Rev. Jon lerley—Pastor Emeritus Dr. Robb Butler—Music Director Carol Virolainen—Worship Musician Nicholas Capatch—Live Stream Russ Koan—Lay Leader

Dr. Linda Reese—Staff Counselor



#### **GOOD NEWS**

Willowbrook United Methodist Church "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" 19390 North 99th Avenue Sun City, AZ 85373-1102

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday (closed 12:00-12:30 p.m. for lunch)

#### (623) 974-5637 FAX: (623) 933-5466

Internet: https://willowbrookumc.org E-mail address: bev@willowbrookumc.org

Office Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday Outside office hours leave a message on the main phone number, 623-974-5637, and we will get back to you. Send prayer chain requests to prayerchain@willowbrookumc.org.

## Introducing...



Judy McGinty Joined: March 23, 2024



Mike McGinty Joined: March 23, 2024

Photos Submitted by McGinty



Heather Meyer Joined: March 24, 2024



Jim Mellenthin Joined: March 24, 2024



Sherry Mellenthin Joined: March 24, 2024



Glen Muehlhausen Joined: March 24, 2024



Frances Porter Joined: March 24, 2024

Thanks to Art & Soul members for posters used in the Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday. Pictured: Janet Wetzel, Margaret Chinn, Rev. Ruth Blum, Wayne Bailey, Gloria Schilling, & Arlene Davidson.







#### **Acknowledgment of a Gift**

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strenathens me. Philippians 4:12-13

The verse, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me," is a powerful reminder that God is with us and helps us. Many Christians hold on to these words to help them daily. This verse is part of a larger writing where the Apostle Paul is thanking the Philippians for their help to him in a time of distress. I have heard it said so many times after people have felt the comfort, presence, and help from God, that they "don't know how people without God manage." How do people without God manage? I don't know. What I do know is for people of faith the presence of God is amazina!

As a pastor, I have the great privilege of hearing the accounts of people of faith. They share words of gratitude and hope because of their belief in an ever-present God. They share stories of God showing up in their lives. They call these "God Winks" or "a God thing" or other words that convey the love, help and presence of God.

It has been my personal experience that the people of faith who have influenced me in my lifetime have been folks not only of peace and joy but of conviction to stand up for what is right, what is truth and have made our world a better place.

Another observation is that people of faith have also been the folks who have done fantastic humanitarian things. People of faith have built libraries, colleges, and hospitals. I don't for a minute claim that non-believers haven't also done good things. Many have, Many believers and non-believers alike have operated out of a simple philosophy of "following the golden rule" to treat others as you would want to be treated. When this happens, good things happen.

But, my story is this! Good people of faith have taught me love and have shown me through the ways they lived out their lives that faith in God is a wonderful thing. Like the Apostle Paul who took a moment to thank the Philippian believers for helping him. I want to take a moment to thank people of faith who made my world a better place. I watched you and I saw Jesus! Thank you!

See you in church,

Rev. Gary Kennedy



#### **A House United**



When President Lincoln declared in 1858, "A house AGAINST ITSELF, divided against itself can-THAT HOUSE not stand," he was echoing CANNAT, STAND." Jesus, Scribes thought Jesus MARK 3:25, NIV was casting out demons by

Satan's power, so Jesus responded, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:23-25, NIV). There are countless modern examples: Civil wars. Families torn apart. Business partners going separate ways. Even churches splitting.

Jesus used the "house divided" image to point out the nonsense of the scribes' words. It takes someone other than the "strongman" vs. 27, or demon, occupying a space to cast that demon out. Evil can't drive out evil. Sin isn't stronger than sin. Hate doesn't solve hate. Violence doesn't end violence. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Jesus came to "bind" evil with goodness, conquer hate with love and teach us the same. Throughout the gospels, Jesus treats all people with love—even those who oppose him—so that, in the end, we all will be a house united by God's goodness.

-ChurchArtPro



#### (We celebrate 90 years or more)

Barbara Snook Richard Ceser



#### (We Celebrate 50 years or more)

2	Fred & Jeanne Poole	60th
21	Gary & Judith Rich	57th
24	Mel & Rose Sorensen	67th
25	Bob & Milie Johnson	67th



LOVING Our condolences to family and friends on the death of the following Willowbrook members and/or family &

- Ann Martin's sister, Betsy in March
- Willowbrook friend, Kris Cummings' husband, Richard on March 24
- Vira Lass' sister on March 27
- Carl Stalowski's Mother in NJ passed away at the age of 103 during Holy Week (March)
- Bev Ampersé's husband, Bill on April 7
- Former member, Bob Munter on April 14

Dear Bev & Betty,

Thank you so much for your work getting the word out about lilies and putting together the list of people who purchased lilies. And the work getting information in the bulletin.

And thank you for all the help with my deposits and getting my envelopes.

Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are really appreciated.

Patricia Ross



Dear Willowbrook,

I cannot thank you enough for all the well wishes, thoughts, and prayers you have sent my way over the past few weeks. They mean everything to me!

I am finally back home and on the mend, and cannot wait to see my dear family and friends at Willowbrook again. You are the Best!

> Love and God Bless, Línda Bonnell

## 3rd Tuesday @12

Mark your calendar for May 21st at noon Tuesdays @ for another informative 3rd Tuesday @ 12. Lunch this month will feature pulled pork.



Following lunch, a speaker from the West Valley Genealogical Society will discuss finding, recording, and sharing genealogical information.

There is no charge for the lunch; however, donations are always appreciated. Please sign up May 11th or 12th or May 18th or 19th so we know how much food to prepare.



The Revised Common Lectionary—a threeyear cycle reading through the Bible based on the synoptic gospels of (A) Mat-

thew, (B) Mark and (C) Luke. If you read the lections for all three years, you will read 85% of the Bible. Join us Monday mornings at 11:00 am to read the following Sunday's lectionary and talk about it and end at noon.

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#### The weekly readings for MAY are:

#### **CLASS DATE**

April 29 Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

**ASCENSION** May 6 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13

OR Acts 1:1-11 MOTHER'S DAY Ephesians 1:15-23

May 13 **PENTECOST** 

Acts 2:1-21 🖈 Romans 8:22-27

May 20

Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17

★ May 27 NO CLASS

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

#### **DATE USED**

May 5 Psalm 98

John 15:9-17 May 12

Psalm 1 John 17:6-19

Psalm 47 Luke 24:44-53

May 19

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b John 15:26-27: 16:4b-15

May 26 Psalm 29 John 3:1-17

June 2

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 Mark 2:23-3:6



# Women It's 5 o'clock Somewhere!

And on May 20 at 5 o'clock the place to be is Willowbrook United Women in Faith. ! It is Guest night and you are invited to bring a spouse, neighbor, and/or guest to Sunset appetiz-

After sharing appetizers, Pastor Steve Marshall will be our guest. Pastor Steve will be presenting a brand new art sermon entitled The Woman at the Well. The artwork will be given away after the seri mon. Sunset on May 20 is at 7:23 p.m. so you will be i home before dark. Please join us this evening. As ! always, United Women in Faith is always open to all! women of the church.

As we look towards the summer, we join together in June, July and August for lunch out. More information on those will be in June's newsletter. In July i we collect school supplies for back-to-school doinations.

'In conference news, the UWFaith Mission U will be June 21-22 in Payson. The virtual Mission U will be July 19-20.

If you want more information on UWFaith, we would be happy to add you to our monthly e-newsletter. Just send Linda Borton an email.



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#### TACO & NACHO FIESTA!

Join us for a fun-filled Friday evening of Tacos, Nachos & a Movie!

Steve Martin, Chevy Chase & Martin Short are sure to have everyone laughing as the

#### THREE AMIGOS!

See You at the Fiesta Friday, May 17th 5:00 p.m. \$10 per person

Sign Up May 4/5 or May 11/12



#### **Willowbrook Readers Club!**

Hooked on Books usually meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the church library at 1:30pm.

Here are some of the upcoming books we plan on reading and discussing:

May 23—All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers June 27—The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki

If you enjoy reading and would like to join us, you are always welcome!!

# METHO TRAVELERS

PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE TRAVELS

Go To: MethoTravelers.org

**CONTACTS: Carol Cooper** Or **Don Pleinis For Current Information** 



A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of

grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

At Willowbrook GriefShare meets each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge. You don't have to be a member, or attend the church, to be a part of the GriefShare program.

May	1	Questions for God
May	8	Stuck in Grief
May	15	Hope & Resilience
May	22	What Do I Live For Now?
May	29	Is This Normal?

#### **Caregivers Support Group**



The Caregiver Support Group offered at Willowbrook is a community of caregivers that share the struggles and successes of constantly caring for a loved one. New caregivers attending a group usually feel great relief knowing they are not alone. Periodically, professionals from different disciplines are invited to provide much-needed information and services.

Caregivers acknowledge that the group has made them feel less alone on the journey, and are relieved to learn that anything shared in the meeting stays in the meeting. The group is for those who are dealing with general caregiving needs and for caregivers with loved ones who have various diagnoses. Willowbrook is blessed to have trained facilitators from Benevilla oversee the meetings. The group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge.

#### **Those April Showers Brought May Flowers!**

Flowered fabric and a variety of bright, cheerful colors made up a bouquet of clothes covers (adult bibs) which were donated to Touchmark in Wisconsin. Former Kris



Krafter, Barb Christie, came to the Willowbrook Kris Krafters meeting on March 21st. She immediately joined the assembly line of Kris Krafters pressing fabric, cutting out, sewing and pressing the finished bibs. Because Barb didnot have room in her suitcase for 24 bibs, we mailed them to her for those in assisted living at Touchmark where she and Bob now live. Some vacation!

The Kris Krafters meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. Come for a visit and perhaps you can join one of the assembly lines or you may have a special reauest.

Quilting, cross stitch, sewing, embroidery, crochet and knit projects are made for local charities and sometimes special requests such as the clothes covers for Touchmark. Everyone is welcome to our meeting in Wilson Fellowship Hall at 9 AM. See you there!

# **May 2024**

CH—Chapel CR—Conference Room CT—Courtyard LL—Library Lounge MR—Music Room PR—Prayer Room Sanc—Sanctuary WFH—Wilson Fellowship Hall

Community

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 FOOD BANK
			9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 1:00 pm Craft Faire Committee—LL 2:00 pm The Chosen 2—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc	9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 2:00 pm Worship Committee—CR	2:00 pm Youthful Seniors Board—LL 3:00 pm Disciple II—LL	5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
5 COMMUNION—FOOD BANK	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am New Member Class—LL	10:00 am UWFaith Team—MR 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL	9:00 am Staff Parish—CR 2:00 pm Men's Fellowship—LL	9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen 2—CR 4:00 pm Dorcas Circle—WFH 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc	9:00 am Trustees—CR 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 12 00 pm Food Tasting for Tea—WFH		2:30 pm Disciple II—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 am Worship—Sanc 11:00 am New Member Class—LL	9:30 am Mary Circle—WFH 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle—LL 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL	9:30 am Rachel Circle—LL 11:00 am Walk to Emmaus—CR 2:00 pm Men's Fellowship—LL	9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 9:30 am Foundation—CR 12:00 pm Kitchen Committee—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen 2—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc	9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 2:30 pm Outreach—CR	5:00 pm Youthful Seniors Tacos & a Movie—WFH 2:00 pm Disciple II—LL	5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 NEW MEMBERS
9:30 am Worship—Sanc	11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL 3:30 pm Stephen Leaders—CR 4:00 pm Stephen Ministers—LL 5:00 pm UWFaith Evening—WFH	9:30 am M.E. E.—CR 12:00 pm 3rd Tuesday @12—WFH 2:00 pm Men's Fellowship—LL	9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen 2—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc	9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 1:30 pm Hooked on Books—LL		11:00 am Winsome Widows—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
26 NEW MEMBERS	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	
9:30 am Worship—Sanc	Office Closed for Holiday	9:30 am Church Council—Chapel 2:00 pm Men's Fellowship—LL	9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm The Chosen 2—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc	9:30 am Caregivers Support Group—LL		
Pray for West Dist	rict Churches MAY UMC, Yuma					Feed the Hungry Non-perishable Food WATER IS ALWAYS NEEDED