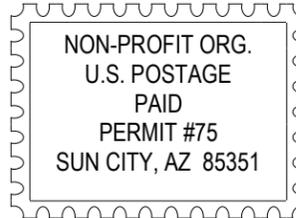
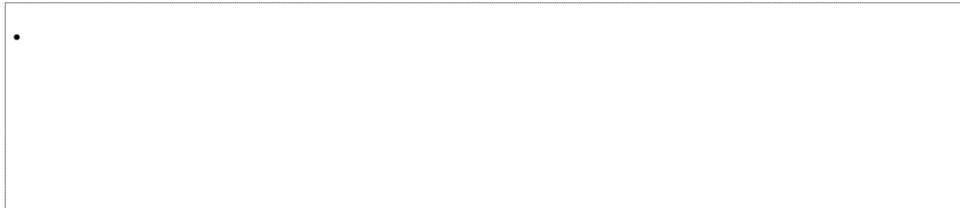




**WILLOWBROOK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
19390 NORTH 99TH AVENUE
SUN CITY AZ 85373-1102



WORSHIP SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
SATURDAY at 5:00 p.m.



WEEKLY PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS

SUN	Pray w/Stephen Min	10:30 am—Prayer Room
TUE	Pastor Academy	2:30 pm—Wilson Fellowship Hall
MON	Intercessory Prayer	2:00 pm—Library Lounge
WED	GriefShare	9:30 am—Library Lounge
WED	Art & Soul	9:30 am—Wilson Fellowship Hall
THU	Choir	7:00 pm—Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri—8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch—12:00-12:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Sabbath Celebration
5:00 p.m.—Chapel
...
Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary
...
Sunday Mosaic Worship
11:00 a.m.—Chapel



**DEADLINE FOR the NOVEMBER, 2019
Good News is OCTOBER 7, 2019**



October 2019

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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**
- Sande Kimbel—Associate Pastor**
- Steve Marshall—Associate Pastor**
- Ruth Blum—Associate Pastor**
- Rev. Jon Lerley—Pastor Emeritus**
- Dr. Robb Butler—Music Director**
- Carol Virolainen—Organist**
- Loretta Nash—Sabbath Musician**
- Russ Koan—Lay Leader**



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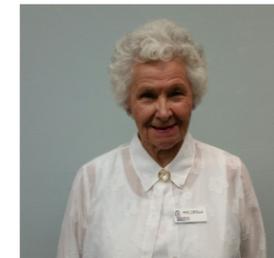
GOOD NEWS

Willowbrook United Methodist Church
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"
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Sun City, AZ 85373-1102

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Welcome New Willowbrooker!

(Photo Courtesy of Rev. Steve Marshall)



Phyl Cipolla
Home State: OR
Joined: August 25, 2019



MISSIONS/OUTREACH AT WILLOWBROOK

At Willowbrook, getting involved and working for causes which promote our common good is as natural as breathing. Scores of Willowbrookers regularly volunteer at various organizations in Sun City, Peoria, and Phoenix.

As a congregation, we support activities and organizations that help to relieve the plight of the homeless, the hungry, and the poor. We believe in supporting organizations in our city, in our country, and in foreign lands.

From our 2019 budgeted funds Willowbrook supported the following organizations:

- Central AZ Habitat for Humanity (\$2,000)
- UMOM's New Day Center (\$2,000)
- West Valley Salvation Army (\$2,000)
- Wesley Community Center/Golden Gate (\$3,000)
- Justa Center (\$1,600)
- HART (\$500)
- Sun City Meals on Wheels (\$500)
- Mission Trips and UMCOR Training (\$600)
- SW Annual Conference's annual mission project (\$500)

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We are blessed to receive "second mile" donations. These donations come from neighborhood fellowship groups, Benji fund donations, monthly food drives, special offerings (Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas) and designated Outreach donations. These gifts were passed on to various organizations:

- Summer youth programs at Golden Gate (\$850)
- Salvation Army's back-to-school clothing drive (\$700)
- UMCOR support—2018 Christmas offering (\$9,200)
- Valley View—2019 Easter offering (\$6,300), monthly food drives (\$1,900), and 75 turkeys at Thanksgiving
- Justa Center—2018 Christmas offering (\$3,000)
- Imagine No Malaria (\$100)
- UMOM (\$500) and UMOM Christmas card sales (\$1,800)
- Sidewalk Sunday School Christmas gift cards (\$2,000)
- Gifts for 60 children in the Angel Tree program (\$2,400)

Willowbrook also receives in-kind donations.

- Monthly food drives—approximately 3,000 lbs of food and 40 cases of water
- School supplies for Salvation Army and Golden Gate Community Center
- Toiletries for HART

It is important to also acknowledge the contribution that you make of your time and talents in hours.

♦ Collecting/boxing food (6 hrs x 12 months)	72
♦ Manning tables in Wilson FH (1 hr x 52 weeks)	52
♦ Christmas Bell Ringing (8 hrs x 2 days x 3 people)	48
♦ POWWOW (6 events x 4 hrs x 20 people)	480
♦ Justa Center Barbeque (2 events x 6 people x 4 hrs)	48
♦ Mission Trip to Mexico (2 people x 3 days x 24 hrs)	144
♦ Angel Tree (contact families, wrap/deliver gifts)	100
♦ UMCOR Training (8 hrs x 2 days)	16
♦ Outreach Committee Mtgs (9 mtgs x 1 hr x 9 people)	81
♦ Writing for church publications (4 hrs x 12 months)	48
Total Hours	1,101

Your time is valuable! But if we were to value your time at the current minimum wage of \$11 an hour, the worth would come out to a whopping \$12,111.

**Willowbrook is truly a church where
God's love becomes action!**



But What Can I Do?

For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts. If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body.
1 Corinthians 12:14-16 (GNT)

The work of the Nomination Committee is in full swing this month. In doing this work of finding workers to fill many different responsibilities, tasks, and committees, we often encounter resistance to the invitation to take on a church job. People say, "Oh, I can't do that! That job requires someone with greater skill than I have." What the person doesn't understand is the reason they are being asked is because the committee has "discerned" that person would be great for that job! The Nominating Committee considers the task, they surface names of folks who they know or know about and then pray about the names they have before them. It is only then that a member of the committee will call the person. When the Nominating Committee calls, it is with enthusiasm for the opportunity for the person being asked. When someone declines the offer, it is usually because the person being called minimizes their own ability, thinks that someone else is more capable or more worthy. How wrong they often are. They wouldn't be asked if our committee didn't think that they would be great.

So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!" On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker
1 Corinthians 12:21-22 (GNT)

Everyone is needed in the church and all of us together doing our part insure that the church is doing what it needs to be doing. In fact scripture says that all of us are given talents that are needed for the church. We all have different talents and skills. It is by God's design that we have different talents and gifts for service. It is not until we all pitch in and do our part that the work and effort of the church is complete. The church is a team of people working together. The team is not complete until we all are doing our jobs.

Our Stewardship pledge cards this year will have a line for you to write what you think you would like to do or where you would like to volunteer. Write down what you discern God would have you do. If the Nomination Committee asks you about a job, talk it over with them. It may be that the conversation you have truly opens doors of opportunity.

All of you are [then] Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. In the church [then] God has put all in place
1 Corinthians 12:27-28a (GNT)

So figure out your call! Figure out your place!

Any of our pastors can assist you in your discovery. Above all know your place as a person of prayer!

Come to EITHER of the Stewardship Celebrations on October 13 and 20. We will celebrate volunteerism; service as well as giving. This year's pledge cards will have an opportunity, if you wish, to communicate with the pastors and the Nominating Committee regarding your desires of gifts of talents and time! Both the Nominating Committee and the Stewardship Committee will be grateful for those pledge cards! The Stewardship Celebrations will include a free brunch in Wilson Fellowship Hall. Pick ONE of the dates and sign up for the one you want at the sign up table in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary Kennedy

Willowbrook's VISION 2020
Growing a Vibrant Church by Sharing Christ with the World



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (We celebrate 90 years or more)

- 1 Wanda Lenz
- 16 Loyce Sharp
- 20 Norma Davis
- 21 Norma Erf
- 22 Joyce Kessler
- 22 Nancy McVey
- 23 Marge Bricker
- 24 William Wilkins
- 25 Fern McKnight



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES (We Celebrate 50 years or more)

- 5 Jim & Donna Cunning 62nd
- 12 Dick & Duva Roth 61st
- 15 Austin & Anne Tingley 65th



Each month we join other churches in prayer for churches of the West District in the Desert Southwest Conference.



OCTOBER
Trinity UMC, Yuma
Sedona UMC
Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Sun City West



In grateful thanks for all the cards, visits and prayers I received during my hospital stay. God heard them all and He answered and I am well and back in church.
God Bless our Congregation!
Love,
Mary Bailey



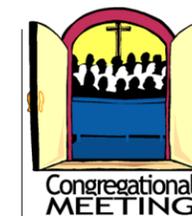
Thanks to Marge and Dale Barton and Jane Hager for taking blood pressures on the second Sunday of September after the 9:30 a.m. service. We also appreciate the others who help when they are able to be present. If you have a medical background and would like to help, on even an occasional basis, call Marge at 623-875-7527 to volunteer.



Willowbrook received several thank you notes from the Salvation Army this summer. Here are a few excerpts:

"Thank you for your gift to the Salvation Army. Our passion is people and our mission is changing lives. Because of your generous support, we are able to help the most vulnerable in our community. The hungry are being fed. Disadvantaged children are being tutored and mentored. The homeless, abused, and addicted have a safe shelter, compassion and the counseling they need to heal. Low-income seniors are being cared for and provided with healthy meals and much-needed social interaction. Lives are being changed each minute of every day. Thank you for making a difference."

"We are eternally grateful for the wonderful donations of materials and supplies which will help the children of our community return to school. We will use your donations wisely and apply it towards our efforts to assist those in need. May God bless each one of you with his many blessings and keep you healthy and strong to continue to do His work."



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5—11:00 A.M.
WILSON FELLOWSHIP HALL

Rev. Nancy Cushman invites the members and friends of Willowbrook to a congregational meeting Tuesday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Wilson Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to engage in prayerful conversation about matters facing our Annual Conference [our church] and the United Methodist Church.



YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL AT WORK

The Church Council is composed of Church Committee chairs or a representative of the committee in the absence of the Chair, to vote on actionable items brought before the Council. Everyone from the church is encouraged to attend and join the discussion.

The Church Security Committee presented a proposed \$15,000 annual security team budget, which has been approved.

The Board of Trustees have completed exterior building work and signage and the exterior lighting has been upgraded. A new water heater has been installed. The Chapel air conditioner has been repaired.

Staff Parish Relations welcomed Pastor Ruth Blum who started part-time August 1st. A meeting with the District Superintendent is scheduled for November 5th followed by Church Conference on November 26th. The hiring of a sound person is still in process.

Bill Merle has declined appointment as Associate District Lay Leader for the West District of the Desert Southwest Conference.

Church delegates reported on the 2019 Annual Conference. Pastor Gary advised that a Special Annual Conference will be held September 14th. He is observing a shift toward a split and churches may no longer be neutral. Our Annual Conference is leaning toward a progressive plan as opposed to the traditional plan adopted at 2019 General Conference. More will be known after a special session of the Annual Conference on September 14.

Pastor Gary asked that we be Willowbrook Strong, choose not to take sides, not to split, do what is in Willowbrook's best interest and to be true to what we have been.

Here is your invitation to our Writing Your Life Story Class.



Our first meeting is Wednesday, November 6, 2:00—4:00 p.m. in the Music Room at Willowbrook UMC. Enter this important event on your personal calendar and plan to attend. Call Marge Starkey at 623-734-6218 for more information.



Is God calling you to pray for our congregation and community? Our Willowbrook Intercessory Prayer Team meets every Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. We pray for all who have requested our prayers. We invite you to join us!



THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will again have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at noon Thursday, November 28 for members, friends and family.

The charge for the meal will be \$10 and tickets will be available between worship service on Sundays, at the Saturday Sabbath service and in the church office starting November 10 until November 25.

We will need lots of help to prepare and serve the meal, so we will also have a sign-up sheet at that same table during Sunday Coffee Time in November. We would appreciate any time you can give to help.

Come join us for a blessed Thanksgiving Day with your church family! No kitchen to clean up (unless you would be willing to help us!), and there might even be leftovers to take home!

Questions? Call Barb Christie 623-376-7941



Benji Fund News

Summer is almost over

As we move from summer to autumn, and then into the early winter months, all donations received by the Benji fund will support Sidewalk Sunday School.

Each Christmas, the Desert Southwest Conference has a gift drive for the children enrolled in this program. Toys for the younger children are donated by Methodist churches throughout the valley and gift cards are given to the teens. For over ten years, Willowbrook has provided the gift cards which are given to Sidewalk Sunday School teens. We are the only church to supply the Christmas gift cards.

Your continued support of the Benji fund is greatly appreciated!



HELP FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Our church is still collecting **ALUMINUM** pop tabs to go toward helping Ronald McDonald House Charity. Please drop your saved **ALUMINUM** pop tabs in the plastic jar at the United Methodist Men table in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your donations. Please note: They do not want steel pop tabs. (If it sticks to a magnet, it is steel.) For questions contact Don or Elaine King 530-559-3968.



De Old Sweet Shoppe

Do you remember the wonderful array of goodies displayed at Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe last year for the Holiday Craft Faire? Shoppers were amazed, and bought up almost everything we had. Let's do it again! Now is the time to make plans for what cookies, breads, pies, candy or cakes you would like to bring. Maybe even make some batches to put in the freezer so they are all ready to bring to the church by the morning of Thursday, October 31. Volunteers in the Sweet Shoppe will package them up to be ready for the Faire which will be on Friday and Saturday, November 1 & 2, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

We especially loved the variety of ethnic goodies last year and hope you will bring some of those items again. We will also have an area of "healthier options" such as sugar-free, gluten-free, etc. (If you have a recipe you like in one of these areas, please be sure to label them as such.)

As the Faire comes closer, we will have suggestions on packaging, labeling, etc. for your donations. Please stop by the Holiday Craft Faire sign-up table the last two weekends of October



HOLIDAZE CRAFT FAIRE IS ON FACEBOOK!



Are you on Facebook? If so, the Holiday Planning Committee would like you to check out our information and pictures, and help us get the word out to others about the Craft Faire.

It's easy—just go into your Facebook account, and in the space at the top where it says "Search Facebook," type in Holiday Craft Faire 2019, locate the large red Holiday logo, and double click on it. Find the word "Discussion" and click on it—scroll down and you will find pictures from many of the vendors signed up for this year. We will be adding pictures periodically until the Faire. Be sure to click on "interested" and then "going" to show you plan to attend.

How can you help? Click on the "Share" button and a list of your friends will come up. Click on "Invite" for those you would like to share the information with. It will help us get the word out to publicize the Craft Faire. Thank you!



REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

DISCIPLE III STARTS NOVEMBER 15!

Before I took Disciple classes, I had read the Bible cover to cover twice. I found parts of it to be very familiar—mainly old Sunday School lessons! - and parts of it very strange. I took Bible study classes on individual books of the Bible with other moms in my congregation, and found those to be helpful. But it was not until I began Disciple classes that I had a riveting experience of the beauty and truth of God's word. It was like someone switched on a floodlight! I wanted to share it with everyone! That was my call to ministry: not ordained ministry, but the ministry of every Christian.

Whether we are familiar or unfamiliar with Scripture, studying God's word is deeply formational, it changes us more and more into who God wants us to be! This is especially true in a setting where you can ask questions, and can share and receive insights with other members of your congregation. In other words, Disciple classes are for YOU.

Come study the prophets with us this winter and spring. Learn about the people God called to speak his truth with guidance to kings and commoners alike.

In an effort to include our snowbirds, we will complete Disciple III on a two-year cycle. This year's class ends April 3rd. Next winter we will begin the second half, a study of the letters of Paul. Class will meet on Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the church library.

Questions? Call Pastor Sande at 623-974-5637. Look for the sign-up sheet in Wilson Fellowship Hall and order your Disciple III workbook for \$40 (a one-time charge that covers both years). We look forward to seeing you!



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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Taking care of our family members is a ministry! It's what we commit to when we form families in the first place, but it can sometimes be a hard and even lonely road. Come share with and receive encouragement from caregivers like yourself at the Benevilla Caregivers Support Group.

Held right here at our Willowbrook church library on the first and third Thursdays of the month, We meets with facilitator Connie Danks, M.A., from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Peer support is supplemented with educational presentations There is no charge and all caregivers are welcome, from church and community alike. So take advantage of this opportunity to give and receive the strength you need to do your very important work in Christ!



GriefShare is a nationally known support group for people grieving loss through death. Using a video featuring experts on grief, along with a workbook and group discussion we help each other sort through those erratic emotions and peaks and valleys.

Each session is "self-contained" so you can attend any time you want and you do not have to attend in sequence. No matter when you begin, you will find encouragement. You do not have to be a member of, or attend, the church to be a part of the GriefShare program.

The repeating GriefShare meeting schedule at Willowbrook is:

October	2	<i>Grief and Your Relationships</i>
October	9	<i>Why?</i>
October	16	<i>Guilt and Anger</i>
October	23	<i>Complicating Factors</i>
October	30	<i>Surviving the Holidays (special)</i>
November	6	<i>Stuck</i>
November	13	<i>Lessons of Grief: Part One</i>
November	20	<i>Lessons of Grief: Part Two</i>
November	27	<i>Heaven</i>
December	4	<i>What Do I Live for Now?</i>
December	11	New Beginnings (no video)
December	18	New Beginnings (no video)

Office closed for holidays December 25 & January 1.

GriefShare meets each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge.



RECYCLE FOR MISSIONS

You can help us raise money for our outreach projects by bringing in your paper (catalogs, newspapers, magazines, and cardboard; BOXES MUST BE BROKEN DOWN). Place in the big recycle bin at the back of the parking lot. We can feel good about recycling and know we are helping missions as well.

NOTICE WILLOWBROOK READERS!



Willowbrook Readers! The Willowbrook Book Club will begin again in September. We have some lively, enjoyable discussions, and we would love to have you join us!

Here are the books we have chosen for the Fall/Winter:

- Sep 25 *OUTLANDER* by Diana Gabaldon
- Oct 24 *PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY* by Oscar Wilde
- Nov *NO MEETING*
- Dec 26 *WATCHERS* by Dean Koontz
- Jan 30 *WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS* by Wilson Rawls
- Feb 27 *HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE YOU MAKE* by John Leland

Remember, we welcome ALL Willowbrookers and friends who enjoy reading. Please join us on the 4th Thursday of each month (5th Thursday in January to avoid the Rummage Sale!) at 1:00 p.m. in the Willowbrook Library.

Questions? Call Karen Gurian 480-371-6980 or Barb Christie 623-376-7941



JUSTA CENTER NEWS

Excerpts from Laurie Roberts'

August 12 article in the Arizona Republic

"Shelter for homeless seniors could close"

Every day, the calls come in from desperate older Arizonans, their voices often shaking and breaking as they speak.

From people like Sandra: "I'm calling to see if you guys might be able to help me find a place. I need one desperately. For a month, I've been looking for a home and I can't find one here. I have \$1,100 a month and I'm a senior. I need help desperately. Whoever gets this message, will you please call me?"

For 13 years, Justa Center has been the answer to the prayers of senior citizens living on the streets of Phoenix. Soon, however, those calls for help may go unanswered. Justa Center is close to going under. While senior homelessness is soaring, donations to this day resource center for homeless people age 55 and older have dropped drastically. The people who run the place attribute it in large part to federal tax law changes that have decreased charitable giving and an ever-widening pool of Arizona charities competing for state tax-credit donations.

"We are ridiculously close to closing," Nancy Hempy, vice chair of the Justa Center board of directors, told me last week. That would be a blow in Phoenix, where rents are rocketing and evictions are rising. Finding a place you can afford when you're a senior citizen living on a meager income? You may as well be reaching for the moon. Fortunately, Justa Center's motto is Expect Miracles, and its staff and volunteers deliver them as often as they can. And they will, for as long as they can. During its first decade of existence, Justa Center saw an average of 250 new homeless seniors a year. In the first six months of 2019, it saw 100 a month.

Most of us can't imagine being 60 and having no place. "There are so many seniors who are homeless and they're hiding in plain sight," Justa Center Executive Director Wendy Johnson told me. "They're sitting at Christown (Spectrum) Mall with an empty cart. They're at the library. They're on light rail." It's easy to look away from the people who live on the streets. In a way they are ghosts, there but not there as we walk right past them, see right through them."

"Don't look away."

In August, the Outreach Committee sent a \$1,000 check to Justa Center. Over the next few months we plan to "challenge" other Methodist churches in the valley to step up and support Justa Center. If you'd like to know more about Justa Center or want to help, call 602-254-6524 or go to justacenter.org.

LECTIONARY—YEAR C

Do you ever wonder how we pastors choose the scripture passages we preach on?

Most often, we use a selection from the Revised Common Lectionary. "What's that?" you might ask. It is a three-year cycle of weekly readings that follows the seasons of our church year. Within that three year period, it covers much of scripture, so it gives congregations a general familiarity with the whole Bible.

There are usually four readings per week: one each from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Gospels and the Epistles. Each of the three years focusses on a different Gospel: Matthew for Year A, Mark for Year B, and Luke for Year C. John is interspersed in other readings.

Members of our Spiritual Enrichment Committee have found the lectionary useful in their own devotional time, and thought that you might also find it so! Besides making you familiar with much of the Bible, it often gives you a heads up on the scriptural basis for the weekly sermon. For that reason, we're placing the scripture references for the month into each edition of the Good news.

The church year begins with Advent, so in December kook for the change from our present Year C, to Year A. May God bless you as you spend time in His Word..

Pastor Sande Kimbel

OCTOBER	LECTIONARY YEAR C (2019)
October 6	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 13	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 20	Jer. 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18-1-8
October 27	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



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www.facebook.com/willowbrookumc



Our condolences to family and friends on the death of the following Willowbrook members & family & friends:

- Ted Taft on September 3 in Vacaville CA



**NEWCOMER ORIENTATION
OCTOBER 5—9:30 A.M.**

Are you new to Willowbrook and want to know more about membership in our church? Our next Newcomers Orientation Class is on Saturday, October 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge.

In this class Pastor Ruth Blum will share information about Methodism and Willowbrook Church as well as answering any questions that might arise.

New members will then be received on Saturday, October 26 at the 5:00 p.m. Sabbath service and on October 27 at the 9:30 a.m. service. You are then invited to an informal reception following the 9:30 a.m. service in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Reminder: you can keep your membership in your home church if you join Willowbrook as an Associate or Affiliate Member. Please sign up or call the church office at 623-974-5637 to let us know you plan to attend.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday—October 26—11:00 a.m.

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 26 in the church courtyard. There will be chairs in the covered area of the courtyard, so you can sit with your pet beside you. Pastor Sande Kimbel will give a short message followed by the individual blessing of our pets. All are welcome. Invite your neighbors to have their pets blessed too!

This event is entirely separate from our Sabbath Service which meets later that day for worship inside the Chapel as usual at 5:00 p.m.



Metho Travelers Trips:

www.methotravelers.org

West Coast Getaway Cruise—Thursday, December 5—Monday, December 9; 5 days, 4 nights. Ports include: Catalina Island, CA and Ensenada, Mexico. Round trip motor coach to Los Angeles included.

Barleen's Christmas Show & Dinner—Saturday, December 7, \$68. Cost includes dinner, show, bus, and gratuities. Experience a joyful mixture of traditional and popular seasonal classics in this extraordinary performance. It's bound to become one of your favorite holiday traditions!

Southern Caribbean Cruise—Monday February 24, 2020 to Friday, March 6, 2020; 12 days, 11 nights. Ports include: Grand Turk, St. Thomas, Dominica, Grenada, Bonaire and Curacao.

Sign up at the Metho Travelers table or contact: Janet Glick at 217-725-1301, jmg6608@gmail.com or Carol Cooper at 623-217-5384, bobandcarol2@cox.net.



**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
NEED NO APPOINTMENT
PRAYER ROOM—SECOND SUNDAY MORNING**

OCTOBER 13—10:30 A.M.

Did you know there is someone in the prayer room the second Sunday of each month to do Blood Pressure Screening. Be sure to take advantage of this ministry.



**Remember or honor a loved one
with the UMW Mission Candle.**

Make your \$15 check payable to **United Methodist Women** and place it in the special envelope in the pew pocket. Drop in the offering plate or bring to the office to help support UMW mission projects.

WATER AND FOOD NEEDED

Hunger continues to be one of the largest social issues in our community. The Salvation Army's Surprise location is an "official" hydration station for our area. With that in mind, over the next few months, the Salvation Army has asked us to donate bottled water and non-perishable foods.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



October 5 & 6, 2019

Non-perishable food
& water or cash



BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

OCTOBER 22—1:00 P.M.

MUSIC ROOM



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to participate in a four-week Advent study titled, **Four Gifts** which will be held on Wednesday, November 27, and December 4, 11, and 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. Each session stands alone so come when you can. Just bring your Bible, a pen and an open mind. Group participation is highly encouraged. Registration will begin in November.

Patty Mason



KRIS KRAFTERS

The Kris Krafters celebrated September's National Sewing Month by keeping those sewing machines humming along! Over 200 new neck scarves were sewn for Willowbrookers to wear at the upcoming Holiday Craft Faire.

We are working hard making wonderful items for delightful gifts or to add to your own home. When you are at the Faire you can find holiday bibs, wreaths and decorations, colorful aprons, handmade potholders and microwave baskets, knit and crochet lap robes, blankets and sweaters and more. And don't forget the delightful *Very Hungry Caterpillar* baby blanket and crib bumper pads for the Craft Faire raffle!

Once again any items remaining after the Faire will be available to Willowbrook members on Sunday, November 3 following the Faire on November 1 and 2. Proceeds from the sale of Kris Krafte items purchases supplies, materials and sewing machine maintenance. The best part is the holiday items are donated to local charities in plenty of time for giving to needy families.

Be sure to check the list of local charities that the Kris Krafters support with donations of clothing, bedding, layettes, gifts and decorations. It is posted on the Kris Krafte bulletin board and will be prominently displayed throughout the Holiday Craft Faire.

Everyone is invited to come help sew, knit, crochet, quilt, craft and enjoy fellowship. Kris Krafters meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Wilson Fellowship Hall.



Left: Murt Meierhenry with table full of neck scarves.

Right: Karen DeVerna with holiday towels sporting pumpkin and penguin design.

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Friday, October 11, 5:00 p.m.—Wilson Fellowship Hall
Chicken, drinks and dinnerware provided.

NO CHARGE.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.



**Reservation deadline is
October 6th!**

This must be enforced because of the necessity of ordering chicken in advance.

Sign up at the Youthful Seniors table or contact Nancy Prevost at 623-476-5277.



ALL Youthful Senior activities are open to EVERYONE!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

Monday, October 21 at Noon

Wilson Fellowship Hall

Bring your own sandwich/lunch.

Dessert and beverage provided by Elizabeth Circle
All Women of Willowbrook are Invited.

PROGRAM:

ACCESSORIES FASHION SHOW

Afterward accessories will be donated to WHEAT Clothing Silo. WHEAT provides clothing for women returning to the work force.

Please bring gently used (or new) purses, scarves and/or costume jewelry in good condition to your October circle meeting or by Sunday, October 13 and place by the UMW Table in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in United Methodist Women's Sunday in September!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- West District Annual Meeting for UMW is October 5 at Epworth UMC from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- If you have participated in the reading program this year, you can submit your list of books to Karen Stark. Plan 1 is 5 books plus the Response Magazine. Reporting forms are in the church library as are the shelves of books for the reading program.
- The November meeting on Monday, November 18 will be a Thanksgiving Potluck lunch. Our guest speaker will be Kim Parrott, Development Director from Hope Community Services. We have been supporting them all year and for the holidays we are collecting \$5 and \$10 gift cards from Target, Walmart or other stores for the teens in foster care.
- November is also when we dedicate our World Thank Offering. Please convert your change to larger cash or a check.
- Watch for tickets to the Annual Christmas Tea which will be on sale soon. You can get your tickets from your circle chairperson at the October meeting. The tea is so popular there is almost always a waiting list for tickets. The tea is on December 6 at 2:00 p.m. this year.

SHARE-A-PRAYER with a Stephen Minister in the Prayer Room each Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Except the second Sunday of each month a Stephen Minister will be on hand to **SHARE-A-PRAYER** with you.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN LUNCH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 11:45 A.M.
WILSON FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Guest Speaker:

DEBBIE KENNEDY

Forensic Scientist, Arizona Department of Public Safety will share an overview of the work of the Crime Lab.

Lunch is ONLY \$5.00

Sign-ups at UMM Table in Wilson Fellowship Hall

Women are always welcome!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



*Willowbrook
United Methodist Church
Performing Arts
Concert Series 2019-2020*

Sunday, November 3, 2019—3:00 p.m.

AZ Swing Kings
Lenny King

Sunday, December 1, 2019—3:00 p.m.

Desert Brass Band
Charles Musgrave

Sunday February 9, 2020—3:00 p.m.

Dixieland Hotshots
Dan Reed

March 8, 2020—3:00 p.m.

Nine Southwest
Dale Gleason

March 29, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Desert Brass Band
Charles Musgrave



Tickets are \$5.00 per person at the door.
(12 and under free)

19390 N 99th Avenue, Sun City 85373-1102
(North of Union Hills Avenue)
Call 623-974-5637 for more information.

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