



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



WEEKLY PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS		
MON	Lectionary Study	11:00 am—Library Lounge
MON	Intercessory Prayer	2:00 pm—Library Lounge
WED	GriefShare	9:30 am—Library Lounge
WED	Advent Bible Study	11:30am—Fellowship Hall
WED	Write Your Story	2:00 pm—Library Lounge

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday—8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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
[YouTube WillowbrookUMC](#)



**DEADLINE FOR the JANUARY 2021
Good News is December 6, 2021**



2021

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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
Ruth Blum—Associate Pastor
Lois Hedden—Pastor of Visitation
Laurie Lineberry—Director of Laity
Rev. Jon Ierley—Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Robb Butler—Music Director
Carol Virolainen—Worship Musician
Loretta Nash—Sabbath Musician
Nicholas Capatch—Live Stream
Russ Koan—Lay Leader



December 2021 Issue

GOOD NEWS

Willowbrook United Methodist Church
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"
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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
(closed 12 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch)
(623) 974-5637 FAX: (623) 933-5466
Internet: <http://www.willowbrookumc.org>
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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.*



KRIS KRAFTERS The Kris Krafters will take on new challenges in the New Year, including helping support the care of those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. We have been asked to knit or crochet "Fidget Sleeves" that help calm the fidgety motions of people with repetitive behaviors, and prevent the IV tubes from being removed.

These sleeves are brightly colored and decorated with buttons, ribbons and decorations. The sleeves are easy to make and fun to decorate.



Another project is a placemat with many sensory items securely sewn onto it: zippers, buttons, scrubbies, keys, pom-poms, lace, small plush toys and felt flowers are just some of the suggestions. Would you like to help?

The Kris Krafters have patterns available and more information will be available at their January 6, 2022 meeting in Wilson Fellowship Hall from 9—11 a.m. All are welcome to come and knit, crochet, sew and craft items for those in need.



Our early service on Christmas Eve will be a celebration of music and word. The choir will be singing multiple anthems and you, the people, will be singing more Christmas Carols. It is known as a Service of lessons and Carols. The Service of Lessons and Carols had its origin at Truro Cathedral (England) on Christmas Eve, 1880, when the Bishop of Truro, F.W. Benson, developed a service of scripture readings and supporting carols.

Some 38 years later in 1918, this format was adapted for Christmas at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. The BBC broadcast from King's College helped to popularize the Service of Lessons and Carols, which Cathedrals and small churches throughout the world quickly duplicated.

The heart of the service continues to this day – that is, the retelling of the Christians' story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate. Join us for an interactive and special depiction of the Birth of the Christ Child.



Join us Saturday, December 11 at 4:30 pm in Wilson Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Carol Hymn-Sing. We will enjoy a time of singing our favorite Christmas Carols and enjoying Christmas goodies provided by the staff. This will replace our regular Saturday Sabbath service.

What a great opportunity for our Saturday and Sunday worshipers to share a fun time together!

Stephen Ministers

Congratulations to:

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| Lorraine Arend | Patricia Ross |
| Marty Kerns | Ken Schuetz |
| Richard Meyer | Betty Slezak |



Our newest Stephen Ministers were consecrated on November 14th during our regular worship service. They have completed 50 hours of training and join the rest of our Stephen Ministers to help, support and serve in our church.

Purchase the altar flowers for a worship service to honor the life or memory of a loved one.



1. Find the Flower Book in the narthex
2. Write your name, your loved one's name, the occasion and the date you would like to have the altar flowers presented.
3. Bring or mail your check for \$45 marked "flowers" to the office or place in the offering plate.



The United Methodist Women are hosting their annual Christmas tea "Santa's Workshop" on December 3rd. Viewing of the tables at 1:00 pm is followed by the tea at 2:00 pm.

There are raffle baskets available. Tickets are on a waitlist and if they are still available, they cost \$15. Contact Roberta Kemper or a circle chairperson for tickets. Mary Harrison from the Sun City Players will be entertaining us with a Christmas story.

The five circles will meet on their regular times for a Christmas celebration. Circles are open to all women of the church. Elizabeth, Mary and Martha Circles meet at the church on December 13th, Rachel meets for a salad lunch at Jane Sjoberg's home on December 14th, and Dorcas at the church on December 15th at 2:00 pm.

January 9, 2022 will be United Methodist Women Sunday and our guest

speaker will be Christine Jones from the District Executive Committee. Christine is an inspirational speaker so we hope everyone will attend.



The first weekend of each month we collect food for Salvation Army and cash for Valley View Community Food Bank.

Our next food drive will be December 4 at the Sabbath Service December 5 in Fellowship Hall.

Many thanks to Ron Leonard who continues to be the point person in collection of food.



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* schedule at Willowbrook is:

Dec	1	The Journey of Grief—Part One
Dec	8	The Journey of Grief—Part Two
Dec	15	Grief and Your Relationships
Dec	22	Why?
Dec	29	Guilt and Anger
Jan	5	Complicating Factors
Jan	12	Stuck
Jan	19	Lessons of Grief—Part One
Jan	26	Lessons of Grief—Part Two
Feb	2	Heaven
Feb	9	What Do I Live for Now?

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

Thank You!

Blessing of the Animals was held on November 6th in the courtyard. There were 15 two-legged animals (people) and 13 four-legged animals (dogs) in attendance. It was a wonderful experience for everyone who attended. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way—set up, clean up or attendance.
Pastor Lois



Hooked on Books

Join us in the Library Lounge at 1:30 pm usually on the 4th Thursday. [Except November.] Wear a mask if you are more comfortable.

Books we are discussing:

Dec	16	<i>Christmas Bells</i> by Jennifer Chiaverini
Jan	27	<i>The Lions of Fifth Avenue</i> by Fiona Davis

Contact Nancy Prevost for more information.



The Kris Krafters give thanks for the generous donations from the Willowbrook family and friends. There were hundreds of crafted items on display in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 7. Holiday hot pad sets, microwave bowl cozies, and "scrubbies" were popular choices for gift giving. Knit hats, baby toys and lap robes were also well-received. Large quilts, Christmas wall hangings, and colorful placemats were chosen. Also in high demand were hardanger crosses.

The Kris Krafters will distribute the remaining items to local charities later this month. Thank you again for the generous support! With these funds, sewing machines will be serviced, supplies will be purchased and the Kris Krafters will begin work on next year's projects!



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

DECEMBER

Spirit Song UMF, Peoria
Sunrise UMC, Phoenix
Willowbrook UMC, Sun City

OUTREACH Outreach Table!

Stop by the Outreach Table to:

- Make Angel Tree cash donations or write a check with Angel Tree on the memo line.
- Pick up a Gift Tag for Wesley Community Center.

Remember ongoing collection tubs:

- UMOM Halle Center for Women PJs - all sizes, twin-size throws
- Justa Center - New long-sleeved warm shirts for men or women - all sizes
- Hart Pantry—Check list at the table

Thank you for blessing the lives of children, teens and homeless seniors.



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

- Don Buckingham on October 23
- Walt Hulden on November 7
- Marian Sheeley's brother, Bill Adams
- Sid Van Vugt on November

SEND PRAYER REQUESTS TO:

prayerchain@willowbrookumc.org



Pray for the following members in a Group Home or Care Facility:

• Richard Ceser	Garden Ridge
• Helen Duke	Arbor Ridge
• Dot Habkirk	Brookdale Union Hills
• Joanna Lynn	Guardian Care Home
• Fern McKnight	Sagewood Assisted Living
• Judy Neiman	EnClave@Chandler
• Robert Nelson	Family Matters Care
• Doris Olson	Beatitudes
• Martha Stromgren	Annie's Care Home
• Dorothy Zimmerman	Anna's Assisted Living

