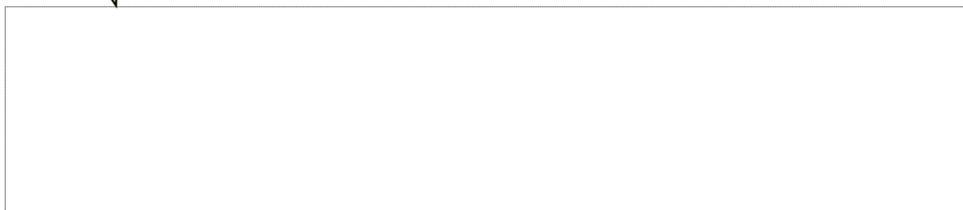




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WEEKLY PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS		
MON	Lectionary Study	11:00 am—Library Lounge
MON	Intercessory Prayer	2:00 pm—Library Lounge
WED	GriefShare	9:30 am—Library Lounge
WED	Disciple 4	1:00 pm—Library Lounge
WED	Write Your Story	2:00 pm—Conference Room
SAT	Disciple 1	3:00 pm—Library Lounge

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
<b>Saturday Worship</b> 5:00 p.m.—Chapel
<b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Live Stream worship available on YouTube WillowbrookUMC



**DEADLINE FOR the MARCH 2022  
Good News is February 4, 2022**



[www.willowbrookumc.org](http://www.willowbrookumc.org)

**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 Jerley—Pastor Emeritus**  
**Dr. Robb Butler—Music Director**  
**Carol Virolainen—Worship Musician**  
**Loretta Nash—Sabbath Musician**  
**Nicholas Capatch—Live Stream**  
**Russ Koan—Lay Leader**



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(closed 12 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch)  
**(623) 974-5637 FAX: (623) 933-5466**  
Internet: <http://www.willowbrookumc.org>  
E-mail address: [bev@willowbrookumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayerchain@willowbrookumc.org).*



**Lay Servant Ministry Polity Class**

Betty Stewart, the West District Coordinator of the Lay Servant Ministry Program for the Annual Conference, has announced the class on Polity will be offered at Willowbrook United Methodist Church. The Lay Servant Ministry program provides learning and training opportunities for any lay person. Anyone can take individual classes for personal growth or take several classes toward certification in lay ministry. The program was formerly known as the Lay Speaker Program. Several members of Willowbrook have received training through this program.

Rev. Gary Kennedy and Laurie Lineberry, our Director of Laity will teach the two-session class at Willowbrook on Friday, February 11th and 18th from 9:30am to 2:30pm with a short break for lunch at the church.

Rev. Kennedy taught in the Lay Servant Ministry program regularly when he served as West District Superintendent. Laurie Lineberry is the former Lay Leader for the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, where she shared in Annual Conference leadership of laity with Bishop Hoshibata.

Polity deals with the structure and the organization of the United Methodist Church. The book for the class is *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church*. It is available through Cokesbury or Amazon. There is a \$15 cost for the class.

Registration instructions will follow in the Willowbrook ENews or you can go to the Conference website now at [dscumc.org](http://dscumc.org) and register. The link is in every issue of ENews.

**Welcome New Willowbrookers!**  
*(Photos Courtesy of Laurie Lineberry)*



Linda Borton  
Joined: November 21, 2021



Marilyn Ledbetter  
Joined: November 21, 2021



Cynthia Pfeiffer  
Joined: November 21, 2021



Nancy Stokely  
Joined: November 21, 2021



**Willowbrook Feeds the Hungry**

As a result of the monthly food drives, in 2021, Willowbrook donated over 150 boxes of non-perishable food and many bottles of water to the Salvation Army. We received over \$3,700 in cash donations which we forwarded to Valley View Community Food Bank. In addition, on Thanksgiving Sunday, Willowbrook donated over 50 turkeys to Valley View.

**Next Food Drive:**  
February 5 at Sabbath Service  
February 6 in Fellowship Hall

**Thank you for your continued support!**







### Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice!

February 21—12 noon  
Bring your own lunch

Dessert and beverage provided by Mary Circle.

**Program:** Prayer and Self Denial

**Sugar:** We will box up cookies for our homebound members and care persons.

**Spice:** Gathering up the donations of spices for food banks. We learned that food banks don't often receive spices to help with food preparation so remember to bring a spice or two.

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2022 brings the following exciting selection of books for the reading program:

*My Little Golden Book about Ruth Bader Ginsburg, She Persisted* by Chelsea Clinton, *Hidden Figures, Becoming Small, The House on Lowell Street,* and *She Came to Stay* about Harriet Tubman.

The books are in the church Library on the United Methodist Women shelf. Some books are designated as Racial Justice books as well. Please check them out (literally) and enjoy!

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Help others when you shop! If you have not signed up for the Fry's Food account and selected Willowbrook UMW, please do so. We receive a small portion of your shopping dollars. You can do the same thing at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Simply choose UMW (national) or UMOM to receive a portion of the proceeds.

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The retreat we planned for March 2020 is back on the calendar! Come enjoy a spiritual, fun, exciting day filled with singing, crafts, and beautiful scenery for reflection and prayer. And we will learn the significance of how flowers are portrayed in scripture!

What: Willowbrook UMW Retreat  
When: March 19, 2022  
Where: The Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant, 41402 N 87th Avenue, Peoria, AZ  
Times: 9:00am—4:00pm  
Theme: Promise of Flowers  
Facilitator: Rev. Ruth Blum  
Cost: \$40.00 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch) Check payable to Willowbrook UMW.  
Cut-off date is Friday, March 7, 2022

For Information contact Nancy Prevost

**All church women are welcome.**

## Expect Miracles!

*justa center* From January 1st *Justa Center Newsletter*

"We are jumping right into 2022 by sharing our hope for this year, and to thank you for supporting our work to end senior homelessness. **We couldn't be here without you.**

With your support, help and advocacy, Justa Center is committed to make 2022 the year of peace, hope, and love for unsheltered seniors, and building a better future for our community.

In 2020, a journalist referred to Justa Center as "small but mighty." If we are mighty, it is because of you, community partners, and our seniors that keep us strong. They persevere through life's tragedies and reinforce our belief that lives can be transformed. "

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In addition to Willowbrook's ongoing support of Justa Center, this Christmas, Judy Arkwright and Lee Allinger of the Outreach Committee, delivered 80 long sleeved shirts to the Center. In 2022, Outreach will be providing a hot meal at the Center on a quarterly basis. Please consider joining with us when we visit the Center.



**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 *Grief-Share* program.

The repeating *GriefShare* schedule at Willowbrook is:

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.



## A Knack for Knitting

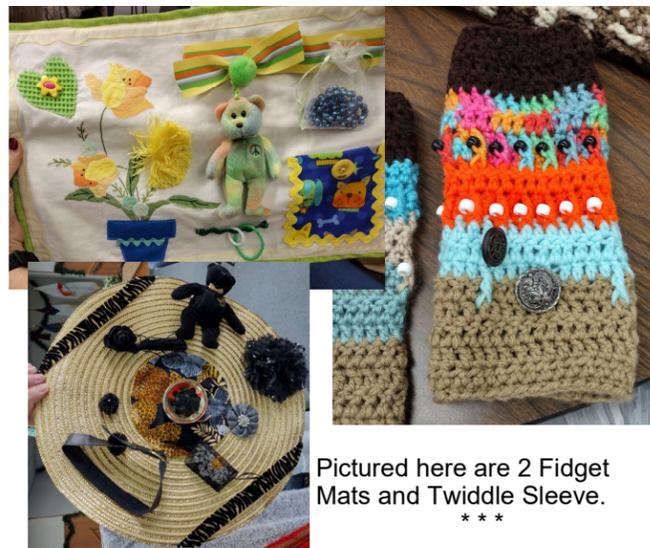
KRIS KRAFTERS

The Kris Krafters are well known for knitting and crocheting warm and wearable items for those in need. Want to learn? Join the Kris Krafters on Thursday, February 3 and 17 from 9—11am in Wilson Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Come sit next to a friendly person who is knitting or crocheting who can guide you. All the tools you will need are there. Many of the Kris Krafters learned by sitting next to a beloved grandparent, neighbor or friend who passed along their knowledge and skill. Others taught themselves with a book or pamphlet to guide them. The Kris Krafters are happy to share their time and talents with you. Besides knitting and crocheting, the Kris Krafters also sew, quilt, craft and create items needed by our Willowbrook family and local charities.

Donations of yarn are gratefully accepted and used to make prayer shawls, lap robes, baby sweaters and caps.

Following a January presentation by Carly Keenan of Solace Hospice Care "Twiddle sleeves" are being made for those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Look for photos and examples on the Kris Krafte bulletin board.



Pictured here are 2 Fidget Mats and Twiddle Sleeve.  
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You can help by going through your junk drawer or sewing supplies and finding small objects or place-mats that can be incorporated in one of these unique items. Think about ricrac, buttons, bolts, small toys or puffs. What a wonderful way to minister to people with dementia or similar health problems.

## A Willowbrook Celebration of Love and Friendship!



As we reflect on the season of love during the month of February let us enjoy being together.

*Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Worship at 9:30 followed by a feast of Chocolate and a time of fellowship!*

*A special gift of chocolates will be given to all, in memory and honor of Anne Tingley's loving Mother, Florence Rundle.*

Chocolate brownies, cakes and cookies will be shared along with tea and/or coffee. Special entertainment will be provided by our own, Rosemary Smith on the accordion. You might want to just listen or dance a fancy two step or polka!

*Invite-a-neighbor ~~ Invite-a-friend*  
(sponsored by Evangelism and Membership)



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

### FEBRUARY

Christ Community UMC, Avondale  
City Square UMF, Phoenix  
Community Church of Buckeye

Purchase the altar flowers for \$45 to honor the life or memory of a loved one.



In the Flower Book in the narthex write your name, your loved one's name, the occasion and the date you would like to have the altar flowers presented.

Bring or mail your check for \$45 marked "flowers" to the office or place in the offering plate.

## Writing Your Life Story

Join this class to meet people, have fun and write your special story. Generations to come will appreciate reading family history along with a history text book.



Come to Willowbrook United Methodist Church Conference Room Wednesday afternoons 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Marge Starkey.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:00 am Staff-Parish—CR 1:00 pm SEEP—CR 1:30 pm Joyful Bells—MR	<b>2</b> 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 1:00 pm Disciple 4—LL 2:00 pm Writing Your Story—CR 7:00 pm Choir—Sanc	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Caregivers—LL 2:00 pm Worship Committee—CR	<b>4</b> 2:00 pm Youthful Seniors Board—CR	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm Disciple I—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
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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