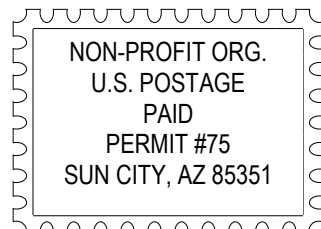




**WILLOWBROOK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
19390 NORTH 99TH AVENUE  
SUN CITY AZ 85373-1102**



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



OFFICE HOURS  
Mon-Fri—8:30am—4:00pm



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

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| • David Alspach     | Morning Star Arcadia     |
| • Richard Ceser     | Garden Ridge             |
| • Helen Duke        | Arbor Ridge              |
| • Joanna Lynn       | Guardian Care Home       |
| • Lois McCrea       | Doc's Place              |
| • Fern McKnight     | Sagewood Assisted Living |
| • Martha Stromgren  | Annie's Care Home        |
| • Dorothy Zimmerman | Anna's Assisted Living   |

**DEADLINE FOR the NOVEMBER 2022  
Good News is OCTOBER 4, 2022**

**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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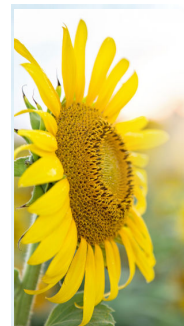
**GOOD NEWS**

**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 - 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).



**Homecoming '22**

October 23

*We celebrate coming back  
to our winter home  
to friends and family*

9:30 am *Worship Time*

10:45 am *Concert w/Tony & Paula Heil*  
(Selections from Billy Joel & Elton John)

11:30 am *Meal by Chef Peter*

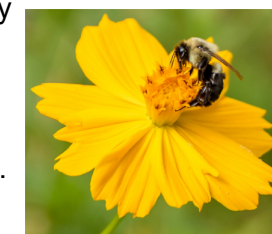
Space for lunch limited to 160. Watch for menu.

Tickets for lunch at \$12 per person will be sold on  
October 1 & 2 and October 8 & 9.

Tickets will be in a drawing for door prizes.

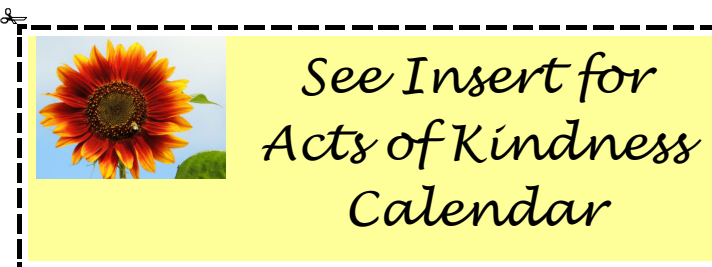
**Cultivate Kindness**

Get Excited! We have been eagerly  
awaiting this study! For the next  
four weeks (with a gap for Home-  
coming on October 23) we will  
gather together at 1:00 p.m. in the  
library under the leadership of Rev.  
Ruth Blum to explore the following  
topics of human kindness:



- ♦ Oct 2—What our words look like to others
- ♦ Oct 9—Understanding mercy
- ♦ Oct 16—Are you the storm or the calm?
- ♦ Oct 30—Stopping the dripping of negative words

"Gracious words are as honeycomb, sweet to the soul  
and healing to the bones." Proverbs 16:24 NCV



**Calling All Readers!**

Hooked on Books is for you if you like to discuss books  
you are reading! We welcome new people! We meet in  
the church library at 1:30pm on the fourth Thursday of the  
month (Third Thursday in November).

Check out this exciting slate of books for the next few months!

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| • Oct 27 | <i>Dragonfly</i>              | by Leila Meacham                                   |
| • Nov 17 | <i>Lady in Waiting</i>        | by Susan Meissner                                  |
| • Dec 22 | <i>The Noel Letters</i>       | by Richard Paul Evans                              |
| • Jan 26 | <i>The Personal Librarian</i> | by Marie Benedict & Victoria<br>Christopher Murray |
| • Feb 23 | <i>Doc</i>                    | by Mary Doria Russell                              |
| • Mar 23 | <i>The Madness of Crowds</i>  | by Louise Penny                                    |



**Thank You!**

Thank you, Diane & David Perez  
for taking over to keep our Church  
Library current and user friendly.

Special thanks to Carol Jenkins for  
all her hard work in the past.



**Be Strong!**

*He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*  
Psalm 1:3 KJV

The image projected in Psalm 1:3 is an image of strength. From trees of strong wood, houses are constructed. For any little boy or girl who ever spent time climbing a tree, the tree in one's imagination could be a house, a fortress, a ship or an airplane. This particular tree in Psalm 1 is healthy and productive. Its leaves do not wither, and in its season the tree produces fruit. This tree is particularly healthy and fortunate in that it is planted by rivers of water. It has all it needs; water, soil, sunlight. Yes, the tree is strong and it prospers just like the person referenced in Psalm 1. The verse begins with "He shall be like a tree..." Who is "He"? Let's look at the beginning of the Psalms to find out!

*"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night."* Psalm 1:1-2 RSV

The formula for a strong man or woman is the same as for a tree that has all it needs. The man meditates on the law day and night. What does this mean? The human needs what makes him/her strong and productive. The solution is found in the law of the Lord. The man or woman who meditates on the law of the Lord grows strong.

In worship services at Willowbrook UMC on Sundays, we have been talking about growing. The formula for a tree is simple. Be planted by streams of water. There it has all it needs. What about for we humans? What we need is found in God. When we pray, "without ceasing" or when we meditate on the law of God, day and night, we also receive our equivalent of good soil, nourishing and refreshing water and life-giving sunlight. A strong tree produces good fruit; a strong Christian produces good fruit as well.

Galatians 5:22-23 RSV says *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

Go and be strong! Go and be fruitful! We are Willowbrook Strong!

See you in church!

Pastor Gary

**Willowbrook Strong**



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

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

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



(We celebrate 90 years or more)

- 1 Wanda Lenz
- 8 Mary Ordog
- 8 Billie Phillips
- 16 Lynn Miller
- 22 Joyce Kessler
- 22 Nancy McVey
- 25 Fern McKnight



(We Celebrate 50 years or more)

- 15 Austin & Anne Tingley 69th
- 16 Robert & Joyce Kahland 56th



Bring your own Bible, your favorite translation, to the Monday morning Lectionary Bible study in the Library Lounge. Everyone is welcome; each time is unique, so come when you can. We will read and discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. We study for one hour, so we will be done at noon. No special Bible knowledge needed to come, talk, and learn



The weekly readings for **OCTOBER** are:

CLASS DATE	DATE USED
September 26 Lamentations 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14	October 2 Psalms 137 Luke 17:5-10
October 3 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15	October 9 Psalms 66:1-12 OR Psalms 19 Luke 17:11-19
October 10 Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	October 16 Psalms 119:97-104 Luke 18:1-8
October 17 Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	October 23 Psalms 65 Luke 18:9-14
October 24 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	October 30 Psalms 119:137-144 Luke 19:1-10
October 31 Haggai 1:15b-2:9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	November 6 Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 Luke 20:27-38



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

- Opal Helm on August 26
- Robert Nelson on September 5, two weeks after his 107th birthday.
- Dale Frazier's sister, Wanda Watson on August 24 in Clarksville TN
- Nancy McVey's granddaughter, Katie Wood on September 13



Thank you all for the beautiful cards, love and get well messages. I look at them every day and thank God for your kindness. It has been an adventure and a growing experience. God's a good teacher. Keep church going!!

Love  
Judy Jones



**WANTED:**

**Bakers and Candy Makers Men or Women**

Much to my delight, before our first Holiday Craft Faire a man and his wife approached me and asked if I would like him to bake me a couple of cakes to sell in YE OLDE SWEET SHOPPE. I responded with a resounding, "YES!"

The following year his wife told me his specialty was Pineapple upside down cakes. What a popular treat at the sale! Every year this gentleman brought pineapple upside down cakes.

Sadly (for us) this year he has been promoted to the top baker in his heavenly home. We truly miss his baking and the twinkle in his eye. "WHO IS THIS?" you ask; none other than Rev. Ron Hamilton.

Calling all bakers and candy makers! Step up all you women and MEN! I know a man who makes yummy peanut brittle! There are others with a hidden talent of baking or candy-making. Get busy and bring me some product to sell in YE OLDE SWEET SHOPPE!

Questions? Contact Janet Sjoberg



**WOW! What a Great Summer!**

Highlights of Blessings Below!

- For Homeless Senior Adults at Justa Center
- Packed brown bag lunch/dinner packs
  - Began preparing and serving hot meal every three months— Next is October
  - Took them a load of underwear and socks

- For Homeless Teenagers served by HART Pantry
- Provided backpacks and school supplies
  - Provided bath towels, wash cloths & deodorant

- For Children at Wesley Center
- Provided a load of school supplies
  - During school time helped with homework
  - During vacation time helped with games, crafts, play and reading

We look forward to holidays as we provide for all kinds of needs for the above organizations plus the women at Halle Center through UMOM and children of incarcerated parents through Angel Tree.

The Outreach Committee is seeking additional helpers. Is it time for YOU to join us? For more information, contact Ann Martin.

**Warning!**



The Personal Assistance Program (P.A.P) wants our members to be aware of recent scams via text or email that some of our members have received recently.

PLEASE do not reply to any E-mails or Texts from any Willowbrook Pastor's name asking for a "favor" or "I need some help" or "I want to call you but cannot find your number." Or anything similar. This is a Phishing Scam. The villain is requesting money or gift cards or other forms of cash.

If you receive one of these communications and you know how to mark it as Junk or Scam, do so. Either way, Delete it.

If you feel you have been the victim of consumer fraud call Consumer Information and Complaints at 602-542-5763.



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 don't have to attend in sequence. No matter when you begin, you will find encouragement. You don't have to be a member of, or attend the church to be a part of the GriefShare program.

The October GriefShare schedule at Willowbrook is:

- Oct 5 Complicating Factors
- Oct 12 Stuck
- Oct 19 Lessons of Grief: Part One
- Oct 26 Lessons of Grief: Part Two

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

*Acts of Kindness Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thank Someone at the one at the Cookie Table	Give Someone an 8-Second Hug	Mail Someone a Nice Note	Donate Old Books	Don't Complain All Day Long	Leave a Nice Note on a Mirror	Give Someone a Compliment
Sit Next to Someone you Don't Know at Church	Be Kind to a Stranger	Make Someone Laugh	Bake yummy Goodies for Someone	SMILE at Everyone You See Today	Write a Thank You Note to Someone	Water Plants
Appreciate Clergy With a Note	Write a 20-Item Gratitude List	Write a Positive Note to a Friend	Leave an Extra Tip	Bring Someone Flowers	Recycle	Share Your Dessert
Donate Old Clothes	National Bologna Day Share a Sandwich	Help Someone With a Task	Pray for Ten People	Tell Someone the Reasons you Like Them	Hold the Door for Someone	Donate to a Local Animal Shelter
Offer Water to Someone in Need	Let Someone Cut in Front of You in Line					Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another. Eph. 4:32





## Calling All Women!

Formerly United Methodist Women, the new name, United Women in Faith better reflects how we answer our calling today. It's an exhilarating time as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact. We remain women of passion and power; united by God's love in our mission to support women, children, and youth.

Willowbrook has 4 circles and one unit meeting each month so there are many opportunities to participate. The unit meeting is held the third Monday of the month usually at noon. Unless otherwise noted as a luncheon, we bring our own lunch and each circle takes a turn at being hostess.

Circle meeting Schedule:

**Dorcas Circle**—2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 4pm usually in homes.

**Mary Circle**—2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.

**Elizabeth Circle**—2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 9:30am, in the Library.

**Rachel Circle**—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30am, in the library.

All women are invited to attend any of the meetings.

Which one fits you?

Mark your calendar for these monthly unit meetings:

**October 17** the program is *Breads of the World* presented by Janet Sjöberg.

**November 21** will be a Thanksgiving-style potluck, along with presentation of our World Thank offerings, and a fun fashion show.

**December 2** is the annual Christmas tea. Tickets go fast and will be on sale in November (date to be determined.) It is our biggest fundraising event with proceeds benefitting mission projects for women, children and youth here in the U.S. and globally. Help is always needed so you can volunteer to make one of the special treats, host a table or co-host with a friend if you don't have all the service or are new to doing it. A highlight of the tea has always been the raffle for gift baskets.

We still have Legacy cookbooks available for sale for \$10. What great Christmas gifts! Buy one at YE OLDE SWEET SHOPPE during the craft faire in November.

The UWF reading program has a great selection of books in the library. You can turn in your reading lists at circle meeting or to Karen Stark in December to receive your reading certificates.



## Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 25  
1:30 pm—Music Room  
Info: Carolyn Smith



## CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST!

Complete with Accordion Music  
by Rosemary Smith

Hot Dogs with all the trimmings,  
Potato Salad, Beans, Cake  
Cost: \$5 at sign-up

Sign Up  
October 1/2 or October 8/9

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday



As in past years, Pastor Appreciation Sunday is in November to allow as many of our winter residents as possible the opportunity to join as we celebrate our pastors.

Save Sunday, November 20th to your calendar!

## ARE YOU FEELING IT?

Wow! Since Pentecost Sunday, we have been busy as we have enjoyed growing in our faith personally and by spreading the joy of faith to others. Have you felt it? And now here it is October and some say that fall is in the air.

But wait, is that the Holy Spirit in the air? Moving us as we greet our visitors. Can you feel it? Moving us as we join the whole world on World Communion Sunday. Stop and think about that for a moment. In this time of continued unrest, Christians throughout the entire world are joining together in accepting Jesus' gift to us.

Do you feel it? Moving us as our laity brings a special message from God on Laity Sunday. Are you feeling it? Moving us as we "officially" celebrate God's gift of our winter residents' safe return on Homecoming Sunday. The hugs and smiles, and even tears, are everywhere! As we continue to grow, are you feeling the Holy Spirit?



## Busy, Busy, Busy

**KRIS KRAFTERS** The Kris Krafters are busily preparing numerous items for the Holiday Craft Fair, Nov. 4 & 5, while continuing to crochet, knit and sew for various local charities and the Four Corners Native American Ministry. There is always a need for sleep mats, prayer shawls, fidget mats & sleeves as well as other items.

Join us with your crafting skills or your desire to learn. The Kris Krafters are very generous with sharing their techniques and knowledge. Everyone is welcome when we meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 9 am in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by Sharon Sullivan

Pictured below are Kris Krafters Joan Wright and Nancy McVey. Nancy brought in the intricately crocheted hexagons which Joan then put together to form this magnificent coverlet. It must be seen in person to really appreciate the beauty of the work.



## Prayer Shawls by Gloria Schilling, Peggy Herring, & Kathy Elder



So many items like potholders, scrubbies, slippers, lap robes, child's poncho, table runners, and so much more!

We love to help local charities!

This whimsical tea cozy by Barb Sepiol will be at the Craft Faire!



Left: Reisa Schoettlin shows her favorite baby dresses. PLUS a papoose pack, and vest with pants and so much more!

Heading to Four Corners Native American Ministry!





# October

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November 2022						
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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
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p><b>Willowbrook Feeds the Hungry</b>  <b>Non-perishable Food and WATER</b>  <b>Next Food Drive:</b>            October 1 at Sabbath Service            October 2 in Fellowship Hall</p> </div>						
<p><b>2 COMMUNION</b>            9:30 am Worship—Sanc            11:00 am Cultivate Kindness Class—CR</p>	<p><b>3</b>            10:00 am UWF Team Meeting—WFH            11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL            2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL</p>	<p><b>4</b>            9:00 am Staff-Parish—CR</p>	<p><b>5</b>            9:30 am GriefShare—LL            9:30 am Art &amp; Soul—WFH</p>	<p><b>6</b>            9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH            9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL            2:00 pm Worship Committee—CR</p>	<p><b>7</b>            2:00 pm Youthful Srs. Board—LL</p>	<p><b>8</b>            11:00 am Coddington Memorial—CH/WFH            1:00 pm Winsome Widows—LL            5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p><b>9</b>            9:30 am Worship—Sanc            11:00 am Cultivate Kindness—CR            *Last day to sign-up for Oktoberfest</p>	<p><b>10</b>            9:30 am Elizabeth Circle—LL            9:30 am Mary Circle—WFH            11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL            2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL</p>	<p><b>11</b>            9:30 am Rachel Circle—LL            1:00 pm Staff-Parish—LL</p>	<p><b>12</b>            9:30 am GriefShare—LL            9:30 am Art &amp; Soul—WFH</p>	<p><b>13</b>            9:00 am Trustees—CR</p>	<p><b>14</b>            1:00 pm Craft Faire Committee—CR            5:00 pm Youthful Seniors Oktoberfest—WFH</p>	<p><b>15</b>            AM-Outreach using Kitchen            5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p><b>16 LAITY SUNDAY</b>            9:30 am Worship—Sanc            11:00 am Cultivate Kindness—CR            *Last Day to get tickets for Lunch on Homecoming Sunday</p>	<p><b>17</b>            11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL            12:00 pm UWF Lunch &amp; Program—WFH            2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL            3:30 pm Stephen Leaders—CR            4:00 pm Stephen Ministers—WFH</p>	<p><b>18</b>            9:30 am Membership, Evangelism &amp; Education—CR</p>	<p><b>19</b>            9:30 am GriefShare—LL            9:30 am Art &amp; Soul—WFH            12:00 pm Kitchen Committee—WFH</p>	<p><b>20</b>            9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH            9:00 am Finance—CR            9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL            3:30 pm Outreach—CR</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22 HOMECOMING</b>            AM- Homecoming Decoration—WFH            5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p><b>23 HOMECOMING</b>            9:30 am Worship—Sanc            10:45 am Concert—Sanc            11:30 am Catered Lunch—WFH            Tickets only</p>	<p><b>24</b>            11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL            2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL</p>	<p><b>25</b>            9:00 am Church Council—WFH            1:30 pm Bell Rehearsal—MR</p>	<p><b>26</b>            9:30 am GriefShare—LL            9:30 am Art &amp; Soul—WFH</p>	<p><b>27</b>            1:30 pm Hooked on Books—LL</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>            5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH</p>
<p><b>30</b>            9:30 am Worship—Sanc            11:00 am Cultivate Kindness—CR</p>	<p><b>31 CRAFT FAIRE PREP</b>            11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL            2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL</p>					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Each month we join other churches in prayer for churches of the West District in the Desert Southwest Conference.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><b>OCTOBER</b>              Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Sun City West              Shepherd of the Valley UMC, Phoenix              Spirit of Hope UMC, Peoria</p> </div> </div>