

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

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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





OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri—8:30am—4:00pm



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

- Richard Ceser
- Joanna Lynn
- Lois McCrea
- Fern McKnight
- Barbara Pierce
- Dorothy Zimmerman

Garden Ridge Guardian Care Home

Doc's Place Sagewood Assisted Living

Arizona Royal Ranch

Anna's Assisted Living

DEADLINE FOR the APRIL 2023 Good News is MARCH 4, 2023

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

Loretta Nash—Sabbath 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 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch)

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Internet: http://www.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.

Welcome To Willowbrook!

Photos Courtesy of Laurie Lineberry



Kay Decker Lockwood Joined: Jan 29, 2023



Bob Lockwood Joined: Jan 29, 2023



Pillows for Veterans

On March 11 & 12, Willowbrook is collecting pillows for veterans who are moving into permanent housing. The pillows do not need to be expensive, but they do need to be **NEW**. (Walmart has pillows for around \$3.50)

Place your donated items on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you don't want to shop, we will be happy to accept your donation and do the shopping for you. If donating by check, make it payable to Willowbrook and write "pillows" in the memo section.

> Let's build a mountain of pillows for Veterans!



Bonnie Jarvis Joined: Jan 29, 2023

New Member Class



Our next new member class is scheduled for March 5 & 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Lounge. This two-session class covers United Methodism and the history of Willowbrook UMC. Watch for sign-up table during coffee hour or at our Sabbath services.

Last One Out . . .

Have you heard that old saying, "last one out turn out the lights" or "if you turn it on, turn it off"? That is something we all need to remember. Let's be good stewards of our limited funds for electricity.

Many times when we go through the buildings to check to make sure all the doors

are closed and locked we also find lights that have been left on. Please remember the last one out needs to turn out the lights and shut the door. Thanks for your help.



From My Perspective; **Post-Op to a Positive Preaching Survey!**

Rev Gary Kennedy

It was for me a once-in-a-lifetime experience, we can only hope! In these parts, the term, hip replacement is fairly commonplace. Advice, coaching and opinions were varied and I soaked them all in. By the time I went in for surgery this past December, I knew it all, but then I didn't. I found out for myself. Everyone's experiences were different. What I learned and didn't know before was that I needed a lot of rice. Not the good kind of rice that I like to eat, but a different kind of rice that was much more involved. RICE stood for Rest, Ice, Compression (socks), Elevating, and Exercise. That became my agenda every day. That was my only agenda every day. Holy cow! Rice and more rice! It helped and I learned to be patient. Not easy!

One thing that I had going for me was TV. I watched and listened to sermons. Great sermons! All from Willowbrook United Methodist Church. Those sermons were helpful and inspiring. They were just what I needed for encouragement and spiritual uplifting. The Livestream Services from Willowbrook UMC were wonderful. I watched every one of them and came away with this conclusion. "Those services are really well done and boy-o-boy, those preachers down there can preach!" Thank you, Pastors Ruth, Lois and Jon! You are truly God's voices!

I recently was given several issues of "Gallup" to read by one of our church leaders. One of the articles was entitled, "Sermon Content Is What Appeals Most to Churchgoers." The article by Lydia Saad listed several things. The top two reasons that churchgoers gave in a survey for attending church was:

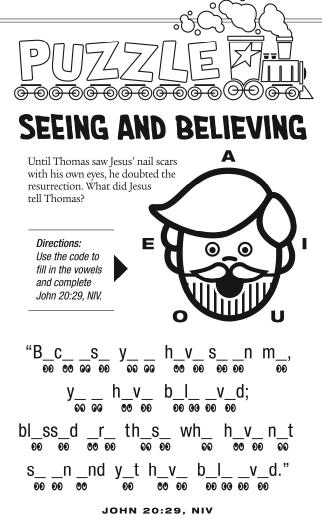
- 1. Sermons or talks that teach you more about scripture.
- 2. Sermons or lectures that help you connect religion to your own life.

I was glad for the affirmation because our preachers do those top two things every week. At Willowbrook UMC, preaching is always biblical in content and endeavors to connect with daily life! That's the way it is supposed to be. And by the way, I didn't just watch sermons on television. No, not just sports; I love those old black and white movies. I watched a million of them! Wahoo!

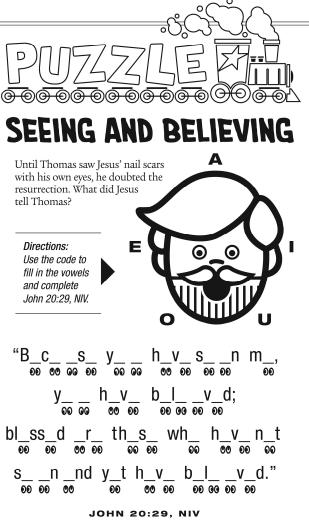
See you in church or on Live-Stream

Rev. Gary Kennedy





not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have





(We celebrate 90 years or more)

- Joyce Chotena Neary
- **Betty Jones**
- Viola Seibel
- Robert Siebert Mary Ruth Linde
- David Monk
- 15 Norma Hamilton
- 15 Mary Rearick
- 17 Irma Vance
- 18 Ward Foe
- 19 Joanna Lvnn
- 23 George Hoffman
- Phyllis MacTough



(We Celebrate 50 years or more)

6 Bruce & Melissa Cole

52nd 61st

10 George & Jan Caruso

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

- Joyce Kahland's husband, Bob on January 28
- Former member, Bob Bricker, November, 2022
- Former Willowbrook Office Mgr, Kathy Lachman on February 2 in KS
- Barbara Pierce on February 11



Willowbrook Church & Pastor Gary,

Willowbrook Church and members, thank you to all those who helped make our day special. Chap's memo-

rial service was very nice, and we had many nice comments about how nice the service was. Pastor Gary did a great job. Chap would have enjoyed it.

> God Bless You, Mary Fisher & family



The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of reading through the Bible based on the synoptic (similar) gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The years are titled A (Matthew), B (Mark) and C (Luke). The Christian liturgical year begins the first Sunday of Advent and ends on Christ the King Sunday. If you read all the lections for all three years, you will read 85% of the Bible. Come and join us on Monday mornings at 11:00 am to read the upcoming Sunday's lectionary and to talk about it. We finish at noon.

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★ The weekly readings for MARCH are:						
CLASS DATE February 27 Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-1	7	DATE USED March 5 Psalms 121 John 3:1-17	***			
March 6 ★ Exodus 17:1-7 ★ Romans 5:1-11		March 12 Psalms 95 John 4:5-42	***			
March 13 ★ 1 Samuel 16:1-13 ★ Ephesians 5:8-14		March 19 Psalms 23 John 9:1-41	***			
March 20 ★ Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11		March 26 Psalms 130 John 11:1-45	***			
★ March 27	PALM SUNDAY	April 2	\Rightarrow			



GriefShare is a nationally known GRIEF SHARE 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 val-

There are 13 sessions in the cycle. 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.

March	1	Challenges of Grief
March	8	The Journey of Grief-Part 1
March	15	The Journey of Grief-Part 2
March	22	Grief and Your Relationships
March	29	Why?
April	5	Guilt and Anger
April	12	Complicating Factors
April	19	Stuck
April	26	Lessons of Grief: Part One

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



Willowbrook Handbells

Meet every Tuesday 1:30 pm—Music Room Info: Carolyn Smith



Matthew 21:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Caregivers Support Group

Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

Psalms 31:9-16

Mat 26:14-27:66

EVERY THURSDAY

Liturgy of Palms

Liturgy of Passion

9:30-10:30am

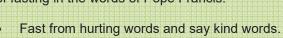
Willowbrook Library Lounge Hybrid in-person and on ZOOM

Now meeting EVERY THURSDAY, this group is for caregivers of loved ones with various diagnoses who want to connect with other caregivers for support. It is a safe place to share, learn and support others who are experiencing the challenges of being a caregiver.

Registration is not required. Facilitator Sherry Griffin of Benevilla leads the group. Call Benevilla 623-584-4999 or check E-News for ZOOM link.

Do You Want To Fast This Lent?

During the season of Lent, many Christians give up a particular food or practice fasting. There is another way of fasting in the words of Pope Francis.



- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Marching Toward Spring

The Kris Krafters are greeting spring with two new requests for slippers for wheelchair individuals and clothes covers (AKA adult bibs). Perhaps you found one of the hearts that were made during February by the Kris Krafters. There are beautiful crocheted and knitted prayer shawls for distribution to anyone in need of a warm hug of comfort. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, pick one up after Sunday morning services near the Kris Krafters' bulletin board.

Visit us the first and third Thursday of each month to see if Kris Krafters would be a good fit for you. We meet from 9am to 11am in Wilson Fellowship Hall. Everyone is very welcome.



Toby Musgrave, Sharon Sullivan and Carol Sears prepare to cut fabric for others to sew to make clothes covers. (adult bibs)

Write Your Life Story!

It is not too late to show your love for your children and grandchildren by writing your life story. Marge Starkey will help you with writing techniques and tips. You can learn from others and make new friends.

The class now meets at 2:00pm on the second and fourth Wednesday at The Palms, 10101 Palmeras Drive, Sun City, Rm 263. [West of 99th Avenue at traffic light on Palmeras] Call Marge Starkey if you have questions.



A DAY APART "JUST BREATHE"

Come enjoy a beautiful day at Lake Pleasant Recreation Center and experience a spirit-filled program on March 18 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mary Hollan will be our retreat leader and she will lead us in music, sharing, and meditation.

Also enjoy a craft activity, fellowship time, outdoor scavenger hunt and good food.

Contact Nancy Prevost for registration forms after church or call her for more information. Cost is \$45 per person and deadline to register is March 10th. So hurry and make your plans.

Partial scholarship help may be available.

MARCH MEETINGS

This Day Apart takes the place of our monthly unit meeting but circles still meet during March:

- *Dorcas—March 8th—1:00pm—Library Lounge
- *Mary—March 13th—9:30am—Wilson Fellowship Hall
- *Elizabeth—March 13th—9:30am—Library Lounge
- *Rachel—March 14th—9:30am—Library Lounge

MISSION CANDLE

A reminder that if you would like to honor someone with a lit mission candle in church, there are envelopes in the pews. This can be done in memory as well. Give the envelope to church office or drop in the offering plate for the bulletin information and the money will be sent in to UWF mission funds.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the contribution of spices for Valley View Food Bank.

BOOKS IN LIBRARY

Great Books are available in the church library. The UWF has an excellent reading program and our program resource coordinator has chosen some of the best. You don't have to be a part of UWF to read some great stories as well as topics on spiritual growth and leadership.

UPCOMING on April 17 at noon is our spring lunch with a Son Glow fashion show.





THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Invitation to Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut's Service of Installation

The Episcopacy Committee of the Desert Southwest Conference invites you to the Service of Installation of Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut on Saturday. March 11th at 10:00 am (pacific)/11:00 am (mountain) at St. Matthew United Methodist Church (2540 West Baseline Road, Mesa. AZ 85202) with a reception following the service.

The service will be available via live stream and Zoom with closed captioning services for those who prefer to join using those methods.

In order to have an accurate count for translation services, the food at the reception, and childcare, we kindly request that you RSVP your participation **NO LATER** THAN March 1st, by copying and pasting this web address into your browser: https://dscumc.org/2023-bishop -installation-service-registration/

Bishops are the spiritual leaders in the church who provide ministry of servant leadership, general oversight and supervision within The United Methodist Church. They are to lead with a vital and renewing spirit; an enquiring mind and commitment to teaching; with vision and commitment to transform the Church and the world; with a passion for the unity of the church; and with a ministry of administration (¶403 of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline).

Bishop Carlo was elected and consecrated in November 2022 at the Western Jurisdictional Conference that took place in Salt Lake City, UT. This installation service is a celebration of Bishop Carlo's assignment to the Desert Southwest Conference as our resident bishop.

To learn more about the role and office of the bishop and to hear Bishop Carlo's call story and intro video, please visit https://dscumc.org/bishop-carlo/.





WELCOME!

Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut dropped into our Sunday worship service on a recent casual whirlwind tour of West District Churches. Here he is speaking to the congregation about all of us working together as a team to spread God's love to the world.

WELCOME, Bishop Carlo!



Willowbrook Feeds the Hungry Non-perishable Food **WATER IS ALWAYS NEEDED**

Next Food Drive: March 4 & 5, 2023 at Sabbath Service & in Fellowship Hall





March 10th—5:00pm Wilson Fellowship Hall

St. Patrick's Irish Trivia

Sign-up Feb 25/26 or March 4/5





Tour St. Mary's **Food Bank**



Mark your calendars for Monday, March 27th. That's when the Outreach Committee will be hosting a tour of St. Mary's Food Bank. We will be going to their location in the West Valley-13050 W. Elm Street. This is a great way to see and learn about the food bank and how they support not only those in the West Valley but Arizonians throughout the state.

We will meet at the church at 9:00 and carpool/ caravan to the food bank. Signup sheets will be available after Saturday and Sunday services beginning March 18/19 or you can contact Liz Peck.

H.A.R.T. Pantry

Did you know almost every week 700 items are removed from Hart Pantry shelves to feed homeless teens so they will stav in school?

Current Priority Needs:

- Canned Tomato & Chicken Noodle soups (easy open)
- Pudding cups
- Tuna/Chicken salad packets
- Crackers (small packs)
- Canned chicken (easy open) ITEMS WITH CURRENT BEST BUY DATES



Did you know...

if you have a traditional IRA and if you have to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) out of that IRA each year, you can direct that all or part of your RMD goes to the church. This means that the funds go directly from your financial institution to the church and do not count as taxable income so you don't owe any taxes on the funds! The process is usually simple and quick to set up and provides a great tax-free way to donate to the church. If you are interested in finding out more about this tax-smart strategy, contact your IRA Administrator.



The church council is composed of the COUNCIL chairs of each church committee or a committee representative in the absence

of the Chair, who vote on actionable items. Everyone from the church is encouraged to attend and join in discussion.

Points of interest from the January 24th meeting:

Pastor Garv was back for his first meeting after having hip replacement surgery in December. He thanked us for the many cards, notes and cookies he received while he was recuperating. He said his substitutes led in style while he was gone, and it is a joy to be back.

A member of each church committee or group gave a short statement about its goal for 2023. Volunteers are still needed for many of the groups or committees. The ministry fair is intended to let people know of the many opportunities there are to serve at Willowbrook.

Willowbrook Readers Club!



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 the book for March!

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The Madness of Crowds by Louise Penny



At a recent event here at Willowbrook. Harold & Janet Glick took advantage of the lively music to enjoy a dance together.

March

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19 20 21 22 PR—Prayer room
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WFH—Wilson Fellowship Hall

CH—Chapel

CR—Conference Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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