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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
In person and Live Stream  
**SATURDAY WORSHIP**  
In Person only

**CORRECTED EDITION**

**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)



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon-Thurs—8:30am—4:00pm  
Friday—8:30am—Noon

**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  
**Dr. Linda Reese**—Staff Counselor



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

- Donna Barr Avanti Senior Living
- Richard Ceser Highland Park Asst. Living
- Joanna Lynn Guardian Care Home
- Lois McCrea Doc's Place
- Fern McKnight Sagewood Assisted Living

**DEADLINE FOR the SEPTEMBER 2023  
Good News is August 4, 2023**



August 2023 Issue

**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 Thursday**  
(closed 12 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch)  
**8:30 a.m. —Noon Friday**

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**SUMMER Office Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Thursday  
8:30am-noon 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).**



Times seems to fly by quickly. It's hard to believe that July is almost over. Time is passing by faster than we realize. It's important to make the most of each day and cherish the moments we have.

Thank you for volunteering at Valley View Community Food Bank on Wednesday, June 7th and July 5th. We appreciate the time and effort you invested in helping. The work you do support those in need and make a positive impact in our community. The time we spend together at Valley View Community Food Bank is not only meaningful and purposeful, but wonderful fellowship time. Willowbrook is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers like you!



Lynda Katz, Mike & Judy McGinty, Carol Widney, Jesse Ramirez (Valley View Community Food Bank founder and director), Linda Borton Cindy Pfeiffer, Fran Triguero, Sherry Mellenthin, Linda & Dave Kresl and Linda Chase.

Lynda, Mike and Judy, Cindy, Sherry, and Linda C are new to helping at Valley View with Willowbrook. Thank you for being part of our awesome team!

**First Wednesday is Coming!**

Remember, we need volunteers to help at Valley View Food Bank every First Wednesday of the month.

August 2nd is coming soon! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Linda Borton to volunteer.



**Join the Youthful Seniors for a  
"Walk Down Memory Lane"**

Friday, August 11th, 5:00 pm  
Wilson Fellowship Hall  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Sandwiches plus ??

Bring a picture or two of you from your youth or childhood  
Sign up: July 30 or August 6  
\$10.00 per person



**CANCELLED NO AC**



Did you make it to the Youthful Seniors Indoor picnic potluck on July 4th (Below?) Everyone who came enjoyed themselves. And there was lot of really good food. Join us next time!





## “A Perfect Team”

A team by God's design is a perfect team! Well, we will get back to that. The NBA believes that the perfect team must have at least three star players. That's just for starters. A fourth star might be a good idea. And, it doesn't stop there. The bench players must be good too. Right? Sounds like the Suns dilemma. Well, it actually is every team's dilemma. Over the course of a long season the stars get tired or injured and the bench players must come in and perform well. The NBA is still trying to figure that one out. The NFL believes a great quarterback is the answer. Last, I checked eleven players were on the field at the same time. It only takes one of them to miss a block and the play falters. Baseball? Let's get a home run hitter! You still need someone to pitch and catch on defense. Oh well, back to the perfect team!

The Church by design includes all of us. Every single one of us. In God's way of looking at things, that already makes it the best design. Not only are we all included, we are given important jobs. Just like the eleven players on the field for a football team, every single player is given a task. When we all do what we are called to do, then the team is perfect. You might say, “well here is the problem, we aren't all stars. Right?” Wrong! God's design makes us all stars because our coach helps us to succeed. God gives us the strength to fulfill what we have been called to do. In other words, whatever our task, God helps us do our part and the team succeeds. It's important to know that through the love of God we are all made winners! God loves us equally. God forgives our sins equally and God enables each of us to fulfill our callings equally. God has named Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church. That means Jesus is the Coach. We have got it made. Scripture reminds us the we all have our part in the church ( 1 Corinthians 12:27). We are all included.

It takes all of us praying. It takes all of us giving. It takes all of us doing our task. From the homebound prayer warrior, to the committee chairperson. From the one who serves coffee at a memorial service reception to the one changing light bulbs. From the telephone callers who encourage others to the one counting the offering. It takes all of us to be the body of Christ. How important is this team to God. Important enough that he gave his all for us. ( John 3:16)

See you in Church, through Livestream, through E-News, through Good News, or through the Andrew telephone ministry. It takes all of us.

Rev. Gary Kennedy

# Willowbrook Strong

### A Word From The Willowbrook UMC Foundation



Giving to the Willowbrook Foundation through your will (or a portion of it) is a good way to continue your support of the church beyond your lifetime. Doing so is great Christian stewardship! Help keep

**Willowbrook Strong!**

### 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

Check out the next few books!

- \*Aug 24 *The Good Left Undone* by Adriana Trigiani
- \*Sep 28 *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce
- \*Oct 26 *Mitford Affair* by Marie Benedict

### SUMMER CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Summer Singers @ 9:00am through September 10  
Sunday Faith Fundies @ 11:00am through July 23  
3rd Tuesdays @ 12—Third Tuesday of July & August

- AUG 2 National Coloring Day
- AUG 5/6 Undie Sunday
- AUG 11 Youthful Seniors Memories Lane
- AUG 12 Winsome Widows Breakfast
- AUG 21 Women's Lunch @ Good China
- AUG 24 Book Club—*The Good Left Undone*
- AUG 26 Winsome Widows Lunch
- AUG 28 National Thoughtful Day

- SEP 8 Youthful Srs Appreciate Your Gifts
- SEP 12 National Encouragement Day
- SEP 19 3rd Tuesday@ 12

Watch for details in this or the next Good News or in E-News or bulletins each week.

## AUGUST Birthdays

### (We celebrate 90 years or more)

- 3 Bob Johnson
- 4 Lucile Jacobson
- 8 Jean Johns
- 12 Howard Smucker
- 14 Virginia Vandenberg
- 23 Nancie Fletcher
- 27 Olive Crowthers

## AUGUST Anniversaries

### (We Celebrate 50 years or more)

- 1 Ron & Liz Byers 53rd
- 3 Steve & Marian Roberts 54th
- 4 Terry & Carolyn Smith 55th
- 9 Steve & Sue Marshall 54th
- 18 Charles & Toby Musgrave 50th
- 23 Bill & Sharon Sullivan 55th
- 25 Don & Jean McPherson 67th
- 25 Lee & Sandy Wilson 51st
- 26 Dale & Sharon Bachler 62nd
- 26 Tom & Jackie Laughlin 51st



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

- Rod Weitzel in North Platte NE on June 25th. He was brother-in-law to Maxine Hooker and Ray (Judy) Smith.
- Gloria Schilling's sister on June 28th.
- Linda Bonnell's mother on July 6th.
- Anne Tingley on July 12th.
- Viola Burrell on July 15th.
- Dick Songer on July 17th.



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.

CLASS DATE	DATE USED
July 31	August 6
Genesis 32:22-31	Psalms 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 7	August 13
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-23
August 14	August 20
Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28
August 21	August 27
Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 28	September 3
Exodus 3:1-15	Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

**CORRECTED**



## Caregivers Support Group

**EVERY THURSDAY**

9:30-10:30am

Willowbrook Library Lounge  
Hybrid: in-person and on ZOOM

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.

Facilitated by Benevilla—623-584-4999




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.

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

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, or attend the church, to be a part of the GriefShare program.

August 2	Lessons of Grief: Part Two
August 9	Heaven
August 16	What Do I Live for Now?
August 23	Is This Normal?
August 30	Challenges of Grief



**Willowbrook Feeds the Hungry**  
Non-perishable Food  
**WATER IS ALWAYS NEEDED**  
Next Food Drive:  
August 5 & 6, 2023  
at Sabbath Service &  
Sunday in Fellowship Hall

## Bring Undies August 5&6

While trying to think of different fun things to do over the summer, we thought it would be fun to collect underwear. **That's certainly different!!**



Undies are one thing that homeless people desperately need, socks especially. Schools need clothes for children who have accidents in school and sometimes for children whose families can not dress them properly for school. We will be collecting undies; all kinds, sizes and shapes on the first weekend in August. We are partnering with the Mission Committee and sharing all the items donated with Justa Center, UMOM, Homeless VETS, and a local elementary school for the children's sizes. Pick up a package – or two – of undies while you are in the store and let's fill the clothing baskets on August 5th & 6th!

**PLEASE** don't forget to bring your non-perishable food, water, or cash for the local food banks!! We collect these items the **first weekend of EVERY month.**



I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and selfless service at Valley View Community Food Bank. Your commitment to making a difference in the lives of others is truly inspiring.

I am continually amazed by the incredible impact we have achieved together. Whether you have joined us once or have been a regular presence whenever the call for help went out, your contributions have made a significant difference. Today, we spent our time folding grocery bags and bagging diapers for the little ones in need. Thanks to St. Mary's Food Bank ~ we had diapers and that does not happen very often. With your help, we have been able to provide essential assistance to help the other volunteers who serve the clients.

What can I say about the grocery bags ~ Willowbrookers are bringing me grocery bags/egg cartons and to Linda Kresl too; last week I delivered about 80 egg cartons and my SUV was filled with grocery bags - no room for groceries. Today I made another delivery, because my SUV was packed again from Sunday. Not complaining ~ just amazed of the outpouring from Willowbrookers wanting to help. Friendly reminder ~ grocery bags saves Valley View \$2,500 a month!

Thank YOU all!  
Linda Borton

(Watch the ENews for more information about our volunteers.)



## Summer Lunch and More . . .

The United Women in Faith are enjoying fellowship this summer as they attend lunch together. Whether you are a member or not, please join us in this time together. If you are a member, invite someone to come with you.

The August lunch is at noon at Good China, 9180 W Union Hills Dr, Peoria, AZ 85382. Reservation sheets are available 2 weeks prior to each lunch.

REMEMBER: Our fall mission project in October; we are writing Christmas cards to people at Eloy Detention Center. We can only send the front of Christmas cards so we need the fronts of cards, envelopes and stickers to decorate the envelopes. This may be the only remembrance they will have at Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Conference Annual Celebration for United Women in Faith is October 28 from 9—4 p.m. at Dayspring United Methodist Church in Tempe. There has not been an in-person meeting since 2019 so it will be a joy to see old friends and make new ones. This year, Sue Marshall, our Willowbrook VP, is in charge of the celebration in Tempe. She is planning activities that allow for creative fellowship and spiritual growth. Look to the Southwest Winds for some of the activities. Sneak preview shows a mission project of birthday bags for food banks; a reading share group, a prayer walk and eco-friendly gift wrap. SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 28th!

And SURPRISE! Pastor Steve will be doing an art sermon for the closing communion service. Watch for registration availability through the Southwest Winds or the Desert Southwest Conference site.

## What is a Prayer Shawl?

Although prayer shawls were used during Biblical times, the prayer shawl ministry began relatively recently. The Kris Kraffers have been knitting and crocheting prayer shawls in various patterns and colors for several years. The purpose of a prayer shawl ministry is to reach out to those in need of loving care with a shawl made with prayer and love to comfort, console, ease suffering and strengthen faith. It is a tangible reminder of God's care and love, enveloping the wearer both physically and spiritually in prayer and joy. The difference between a prayer shawl and any other shawl is in the process of making it as blessings, love and prayer are put in every stitch; then it is blessed and prayed over by our ministers at Willowbrook.

Prayer shawls [pictured right] are available in the prayer room to give to anyone in need. Contact a Kris Krafter or request one from our ministers. Kris Kraffers meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month from nine to eleven.

Besides prayer shawls, we're sewing pillowcases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles, creating items for the Holidaze Craft Faire in November and making items for various charities. Come see if we would be a good fit for you!



# August

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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>	<b>2 NATIONAL COLORING DAY</b> 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL 2:00 pm Worship Committee—CR	<b>4</b>	<b>5 FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b> <b>UNDIE SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
<b>6</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b> <b>UNDIE SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Summer Singers—MR 9:30 am Worship—Sanc	<b>7</b> 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL	<b>11</b> <del>5:00 pm Youthful Seniors Event, Childhood Memories—WFH</del> <b>CANCELLED—AC REPAIR</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Brown Bag Prep—Kitchen 9:00 am Winsome Widows—The Place, 5171 W Bell Rd, Glendale 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
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<b>20</b> 9:00 am Summer Singers—MR 9:30 am Worship—Sanc	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 11:45 am UWF Summer lunch*—Good China, 9180 W Union Hills Dr, Peoria 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL 3:45 pm Stephen Leaders—CR 4:00 pm Stephen Ministers—WFH	<b>22</b> 11:30 am West District Clergy Lunch—WFH	<b>23</b> 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL 1:30 pm Hooked on Books—LL	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 am Winsome Widows—Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12555 W Bell Road, Sun City West 5:00 pm Sabbath Service—CH
<b>27</b> 9:00 am Summer Singers—MR 9:30 am Worship—Sanc <b>11:00 am Homecoming Meeting—LL</b>	<b>28 NAT'L THOUGHTFUL DAY</b> <b>9:30 am Reverse Telethon—WFH</b> 11:00 am Lectionary Study—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH	<b>31</b> 9:30 am Care Giver Support—LL		

\* Register for the UWF Summer Lunch either August 6th or 13th

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



**AUGUST**  
 New Song UMC, Surprise  
 Prescott UMC  
 Prescott Valley UMC