



The Channel

Week of August 4th to August 10th 2024

New and Exciting Thing Happening

Pool Party

All are invited to swim and hang out at the Highland Vista Pool on **Saturday, 8/10, from 5-7pm**. The pool is located on the southeast corner of 7th St. and Cloverland Ave., between Craycroft and Rosemont. Drinks will be provided, please bring a snack to share. The facility includes a large pool, a baby pool, a volleyball net, and shaded picnic tables. Lifeguards will be present, and a responsible adult must accompany all children 12 years and under. Come join us!

Thank you!

Janet

THE SHEPERD

Don Finch and I are excited to bring to you a new service opportunity! We are calling it, “The Sheperd Program”. Coming out of COVID, we as a congregation, need to find new ways to build connectional relationships. This is a great opportunity for you to share your gifts by helping people feel better connected to their Church Family. Your duties are simply to call people, inquiring how they are doing. For example, over a two month period you have ten people to call. (A minimum of one time.).

Our Church Family is growing, and this is one of the many ways that can bring us into better connectional relationships. Please consider becoming part of this vital program. Again, Don and I are excited to bring you this wonderful opportunity. Questions, please don’t hesitate to call Shawne at 520 275-6388.

Blessings,
Shawne Sidles

Save the Date!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JACK OLWINE

Save the date for October 12th at 1pm for a celebration of life for Jack Olwine
At Christ Church United Methodist in the Sanctuary

BOOK CLUB STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is finally here, starting on the 7th please join us

The first week we will be tackling chapters 1-4 you don't have to read to participate but it will help. The zoom link can be found on our website home page toward the bottom ccumtucson.org but it is listed below as well.

Have you ever wondered where Methodism began? While John and Charles Wesley were the founders of the movement, Susanna Wesley, their mother started them on that path.

This August we are going to be taking a deep dive into the life, history, culture, and family of the Mother of Methodism Susanna Wesley. Please join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on ZOOM beginning **August 7th and running through the 28th**.

We will be reading *Susanna Wesley* from The Sowers 1984 book by Charles Ludwig
Please purchase your own copy on Amazon or at your preferred bookseller location.

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/85130247099?pwd=iRx2tgGzP4KHbzZHHc7onBiJAFje5D.1>
passcode is 659392

If you have any questions feel free to email pastor Beth at pastor@ccumtucson.org
Or call the church office at 520-327-1116

Fall Wednesday Night Book Group

We live in a very polarizing time. How are we, as Christians, to live when there is so much conflict and division in our country and around the world? How can we show Christ's love toward people we have such strong disagreements with, even our enemies?

The book *Exclusion and Embrace* by Miroslav Volf addresses these questions and provides a vision of a way to be and act as followers of Jesus. It is a very biblical, extremely helpful, and challenging guide to many of the issues that we are facing.

Please join us this fall for an eight-week study of the book. We will meet on zoom on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30, starting the second week of September.

The first session will cover the introduction and chapter 1. The following weeks we will focus on a Bible story the author uses to illustrate and analyze the topics of the chapter. We'll cover Abraham, Cain and Abel, the Prodigal Son, and other stories.

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Updates for Kids!

August 10th pool party 5-7 at Highland Vista Pool

Sunday school resumes **8/25**

Lay Servant Ministry

Listed below are the South District Lay Servant classes for Fall, 2024. All are available for registration on the Conference Web.

Link for registration: <https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

For those of you who live outside of Tucson - consider getting more than yourself to sign up for a class, carpool and share the expense of the gas.

Living our United Methodist Beliefs: **UM Heritage** August 10th and 17th @ St Paul's
UMC/Tucson

Facilitator: Pastor Brooke Wilkerson Registration Deadline: August 2nd

Lay Servants Lead in **Conflict Resolution** September 21st and 28th @ Christ
Church/UM/Tucson

Facilitator: Pastor Beth Rambikur Registration Deadline: September 13th

From Your Heart to Theirs: **Delivering an Effective Sermon** October 19th and 26th @ St Paul's
UMC/Tucson

Facilitator: Pastor Ron Bartlow Registration Deadline: October 11th

Introduction to Lay Ministry (**The Basic Course**) November 2nd and 9th @ St John's
UMC/Tucson

Facilitator: Linda Sterling Registration Deadline: October 25th

Questions may be addressed to one of the South District Co-Directors of Lay Servant Ministries

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Zoom Meeting

A Men's Prayer and Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 AM by Zoom. The Upper Room Devotional Guide is used for the scripture, devotion, and discussion questions. There is a time for prayer in each session. All men are invited. Go to the Christ Church United Methodist website and click on "Men's Breakfast Group" or use zoom link

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/82899355371?pwd=NEJGTWp2cnR0MHpySlpsaXcwNkl6QT09>

Campus Weekly/Monthly Going's On

All are welcome

Exercise Class held by Karen Messmore Every Monday and Thursday in Social Hall 10:30 to 11:30

Women at the Well meets every second Tuesday of the month in Social Hall 11:15AM

8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

Compassionate Friends meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month in Social Hall 6:00PM

8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11,

Helping Hands meets every third Wednesday of the month in Social Hall 9:30 AM

United Women in Faith meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Summer will be lunch out,. Resume in person in Social Hall, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11

Please join us on Wed. **August 14th**, for our eat out at Sweet Tomatoes at **11:15 AM** located at 6202 E. Broadway. Just a reminder Sweet Tomatoes only accepts debit or credit card. Hope to see you there.

August Birthdays

08/01 Harold Stites
08/02 Janet Waugaman
08/05 Faye Droski
08/09 Brian Murray
08/11 Jackie Baldwin
Alisa Weems
JoAnn Powell
08/12 Honey Sanchez
08/14 Fred Jervis
08/18 Jim Entwistle
Kurt Reinke
08/20 Joe Barkenbush
08/29 Kay Hendricks
08/31 Paul Ford

If you don't see a Birthday that should be here call us at 520-327-1116 or email us at office@ccumtucson.org.

Stephen Ministry Corner

Stephen Ministers are available for prayer or simply for a listening ear.
Everything is confidential.

The Stephen Minister for the week of August 4th to July August 10th 2024

Michael Edwards 520-912-2017

Your Christ Church Stephen Ministers are: Ellie Adams, Georgia Carmichael,
Cat Reinke, Bob Stoebe and Carol Swango. Your Stephen Ministry
Leaders are: Michael Edwards, and Shawne Sidles,
Do you need someone to help you through a crisis (no matter how large or small)?
Christ Church Stephen Ministers are here for you. **Everything discussed with a
Stephen Minister is always completely confidential.**

My body sometimes feels sore, but it works.

I don't sleep well most nights, but I do wake up to fight another day.

My wallet is not full, but my stomach is.

I don't have all the things I ever wanted, but I do have everything I will ever need.

My life is by no means perfect, but it's my life and I'm happy.

Faith makes all things possible.

Hope makes all things work.

Love makes all things beautiful.

May you have all three of them today and for always.

Hope For the Broken Hearted

Prayers

In your mercy Lord, hear our prayers.

Sharon Stites requests prayers for Laura Monier had parathyroid surgery on (July 29).

Angela & JoAnn Powell are thankful for answered prayer that Joyce's surgery went well on Tuesday. Prayers now for the hard part of dealing with pain and rehab but surgery was successful.

Joe Delapast wants everyone to know that he appreciates your prayers - that he is still struggling and to please continue praying for him.

Joan Jervis - Daughter is very ill. Our family in need of help for her & for ourselves for finding our way through this sad time.

JoAnn & Angela Powell - Joyce Anderson had a 10 hour back surgery in which they broke her back and she grew 4 inches. She is progressing well, please continue prayers for healing.

Tom & Karen Messmore - For Joe Delapast. For Ann & Arnie Aros - cancer treatment.

Tom & Clarine Haslag - Safe travel & return to North Carolina for family. For Robert Thompson - recovery from surgery.

Alan Syers - For son, Nathan - to get a job. Prayers for Jan who gets a new tube at TMC on Tuesday (July 30).

Barbara Richardson - For Marci.

Ryan & Bettina Mellgren - For the 6th of August to be forgiven and dismissed. For Koda Mellgren; Alex Shower & Madison Shower.

Sharon Stites - Laura Monier's surgery on Monday (July 29) went well and she is home. For travel mercies as their family & friends travel to Colorado Springs for a reunion to celebrate Harold's 90th birthday.

Susan Schreiner - For Kym Shulkin's (Christian friend since childhood) has a rare form of breast cancer to be eradicated through medical processes before it goes into her bones.

Continued prayers are asked for Doris Russell who happily reports she is home and is following up with her doctors. She appreciates all the prayers and says it will be a while yet before she is able to be back in church.

Becky Gurley asks for prayers for Tim who will be undergoing surgery today (August 1) for reverse shoulder replacement. May the Lord watch over the surgery and recovery. She thanks all who have prayed for her and reports she is much better.

Praise and Prayer updates

Ned & Ellie Adams - Joy and appreciation for Ned's artistic ability.

Thank you Tom Messmore for the anthem dedicated to Joe Delapast.

Katherine Gilbert - Praise that Ginny's EEG test results are normal!

Wendy West - Daughter Jess passed her cadet summer training. Yay!!

In Care Homes: Donna Taylor, Ned Adams, Barbara Parkinson, Jane Hammond

Continued Prayers: Jan Syers, Jim Baish, Joe Jameson, Sam & Peggy Scalzo, Helen Gilbert, Paula Schade

Homebound Members: Christine Gorder, Honey Sanchez, Lenora Rozelle, Diana Cawelti, Doris Brown

Mission Hard at Work

Our Food Bank has been hard
at work this year already.

They have served 4,607 people as of June 2024

This time last year they served 3,869. That is
738 more than last year!

Whew, so they are asking for our help with following

Canned Soup

Canned Fruit

Cereal

Jelly

Any Hygiene items

Plastic or reusable shopping bags

Plastic Forks and spoons.

Office News

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 to 4:00

The office is closed on Fridays

Pondering Thoughts:

You can't always have
a good day. But you can
always face a bad day
with a good attitude.

The Oldest Computer
was owned by Adam and Eve.

It was an Apple with very
limited memory.

Just 1 byte
and everything
Crashed!