March 2025

Shepherd's Voice

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

John C	2nd	Suzanne S	8th	Peter and Kathy	10th
Evan C	2nd	Janet C	9th	Martin and Susan	21st
Randal R	3rd	John S	9th		
Janice C	4th	Tosin B	11th		
Ray S	4th	Mary D	29th		

If you would like to be included in the newsletter to celebrate your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office or Karen B and we will include you in the newsletter.

Thank you.

Special Sunday in March

March 30th UMCOR Sunday.

The offering underwrites the administrative costs. 100% of all funds are then given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts to communities in need.

March Focus for the Desert Southwest Conference Churches

Gila Mountain UMC, Yuma, AZ

Haven UMC, Jerome, AZ

Lakeview UMC, Sun City, AZ

Do you have a passion for preserving our planet? Would you like to lead our "Green Team?" The Desert SW Conference has resources to help. If you are interested, please see Pastor Janet to set up a time to talk.

In an effort to boost out social media presence, we ask that you please make it a point to "like" and "follow" our Facebook page.

Save The Dates

Please submit items for the newsletter to Karen by the **17th** of the month.

Wednesdays at **11:00am.** Bible Study in pastor's office. We are viewing an episode of Rev. Adam Hamilton's podcast: Making Sense of Faith.

March 5th 4:00 to 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday video meditation (aprox 25 min) and imposition of ashes.

March 7th Family Fun Night at 7**:00pm**. Something different. Finding Nemo Jr. Lilly Belle L as Dory. Spotlight Youth Theater. 10620 N. 43rd Ave. Glendale. 85304. $18 per person. Please inform Pastor Janet if you are attending. Rides may be available.

March 8th Breakfast Bunch at **8:30am** at Biscuit Café Restaurant: 8877 W. 88th Ave. Cross streets: 88th Ave and Thunderbird. New time and location. Come and enjoy the fellowship

March 9th and 23rd The Good Grief Group will meet at **9:00am** in a new location. We will now be meeting in the Pastor's office.

March 13th Martha's Circle meeting at **10:30am** in room 1.

March 15th Blood Donation Drive in Fellowship Hall at **8:00am to 1pm**. Appointment can be made by calling 1(800)733-2767 or by making an appointment on-line. Refer to the flyer in the narthex

March 26th Cactus Book Club at **6:00pm** in room 1.

March 26th Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall**. 8:00am to 4:00pm**. Refer to flyer in Narthex.

Remember to put <u>2025</u> on your checks for the new year to avoid any issues with the deposits to the bank. Thank you.

If you shop at Fry's, they have a program called Fry's Community Rewards. This is a fundraiser program to support the community by having members link their Fry's card to an organization to give a portion of the shoppers' bill to that organization. Our church is one of the organizations and we ask you to link your card to Shepherd of the Valley UMC. You can do this at the store or online. Trina posts the amount that we received quarterly in the newsletter.

We have a Fry's card ministry. We like to keep a few $25 Frys cards on hand to help people who need groceries or gas. We are running low. If you are able to donate a $25 Frys gift card or two, we'd greatly appreciate it.

The Arizona Talking Book Library is hosting an open house for patrons, family members, and community partners on Friday, March 14th from 9am – 2pm.

Tours, presentations, and demonstrations will be provided throughout the event. The library is seeking volunteers to assist with setting up the event on Thursday the 13th in the afternoon. On Friday, we are looking for tour leaders and guides, greeters, and more. We're asking for a 2-hour commitment, but you're welcome to stay for the day. Please contact me on what day you're able to help and for which hours.

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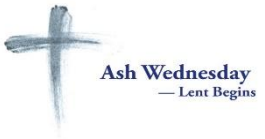
Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity) – Zoom, March 1, 2025

by DSC Communications |

The LSM Course, "Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity)" will be offered via ZOOM on Saturdays **March 1, 2025,** from **8:30 a.m.** to **12:00 noon**. This is an Advanced Lay Servant Ministries course and qualifies as the Polity requirement for the Lay Speaker courses. This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. Using the Wesleyan theological frame—connection—students understand United Methodism's polity and organization as the interrelationship of our beliefs, mission, practice, and organization. Functional in nature, these aspects of the denomination

facilitate our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world. The cost for this course is **$15.00** and is payable upon registration. Either register and pay online or call the Conference LSM Director at 317-730-0162 to complete the registration and send the payment to DSCUMC Treasurer, PO Box 32830, Phoenix, AZ 85064 with instructions to deposit into the Conference LSM account. Once you register for this course, you will receive a confirmation with a link to ZOOM, a link to purchase the book and other information. If you have further questions, you may contact Susan Bowers, the Conference LSM Director at email layservants@dscumc.org .

Bit of Trivia:



Ash Wednesday is March 5th this year. You probably know it is the first day of Lent which is the 40 days before Easter. It is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day. It is the final day of Shrovetide. Shrovetide focuses on examination of the conscience and repentance before Lenten fast. It is the four days before Ash Wednesday. Pancake day is the day you should use up ingredients used to make rich foods, like meat, eggs and alcohol. It is practiced in Eastern Christianity and some Western Christian congregations who practice the Daniel Fast. Daniel Fast is a partial fast which avoids dairy, alcohol, and other rich foods in favor of vegetables and water to be more sensitive to God. It is based on the kosher diet of the prophet Daniel. This diet time can vary in length. It includes increased prayer, church attendance and daily devotions. Fat Tuesday traditionally was celebrated by Catholics to embrace getting rid of all the fats and desserts in the house in preparation for Lent. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday. It's time to party (for weeks) in the French traditions by overindulging and letting loose. It began in Louisiana in the 1700's. King cakes and tossing green (faith), purple (justice) and gold (power) beads, which are linked to royalty, into the crowd during the parade.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 Hailey Private Party F.H.
2 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	3	4 HOA 5:30 - 8:30 Fellowship Hall	5 Ash Wednesday 4:00 to 6:00 pm video meditation and imposition of ashes Bible Study 11:00 - 12:30 p.o. Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom	6 Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH	7 Fun Friday 7pm	8 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am Jewelry Making with Sandee, rm 1 10 - 4 pm
9 Good Grief Support Group 9am Rm1 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	10 Girl Scouts 5:30p	11 LBBW	12 Bible Study 11:00 - 12:30 p.o. Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm zoom	13 Martha Circle 10:30 rm 1 Office Open 12:00 - 4:00 pm Women's AA 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall & kids Rm 1 Men's AA 7:30 pm, FH	14	15 Blood Drive 8am- 1pm Jewelry making with Sandee 10-4, rm 1
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