

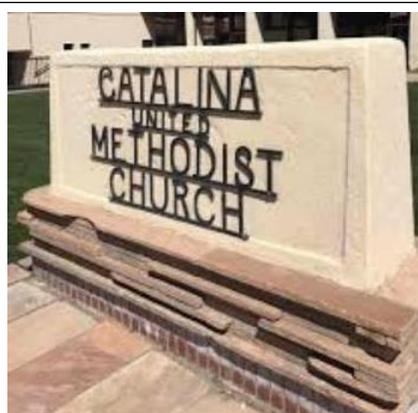


The Catalina News



You are welcome here!

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whatever your age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status, education, physical or mental ability, family structure, or religious background, you are welcome.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

SUNDAY SERVICES PRESENTED
ONLINE EACH WEEK

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Join us from the comfort of your home

www.catalinamethodist.org

Thanks to Rob Resetar, Brian Pettepiece, Catalina staff and volunteers

From the Catalina Foundation Board
Development Team, Cori Hoag and Judy
Wingert

Support our Day School Families - The Day School is underway with COVID protocols in place. Please consider a donation to the Catalina Day Care Fund which will go to the Day School. This CUMC foundation fund provides a tuition scholarship for families with a financial hardship. Click on [Give](#) to make a one-time or recurring donation or send in a check to church with Catalina Day Care Fund on the memo line. Your generosity is appreciated.

**The deadline for the next newsletter is:
5:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21, 2020.**

Email to: newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

**CATALINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2700 E. SPEEDWAY BLVD.
TUCSON, AZ 85716
520.327.4296
EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS – 520.477.8876**

**Office hours are
currently suspended
due to the COVID-19**
Phone calls will still
be answered remotely
(M-Th) 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you are in need of a caring, confidential, Christian ear, call the church office at 520.327.4296.



Please include the following persons during your prayer time:

Prayer Requests – Shylah McNellis, Patricia Tantillo, Karen Conway, Diane Lopes, James Mather Eakes, Haydee Mendez, Barbara Montgomery, Dominique Evans, Marybeth Snyder, Dennis Snyder, Hilda Lane, Diane and Foster Good, Marvin Blough, Judy and Bill Atchison, Paul Clark, Maggie Campos, Ila Tittlebaugh and Wyona Shipp, Elena Quiroga, Paul Clark, Christine Hathwell

Diana Humphries is back in Phoenix after a successful surgery which has improved her health greatly! Under the advisement of her doctors she is going to live in Phoenix with her children and likely not going to return to Catalina. She says she will miss Catalina and wishes us well!

Janet Williams asks for prayers for her family, particularly **Amber & Cody DeMeritt** as they deal with difficult family matters coming up in September. Prayers for guidance, answers and help in navigating this tough time.

Harry Patton - Prayers as he goes through PT to strengthen and heal

Christine Hathwell - Prayers for strength and discernment for medical team for best course for recovery.

Continuing Prayers Betty Jane Deweerd

If you would like to add a prayer request to the list, please call the church office: 520.327.4296 or email:

newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

Come see your friends that you have been missing from church. Share this invitation with others to be able to connect. These opportunities are between the 2 church services!

Topic: Virtual Coffee Zoom Fellowship

Time: **Sundays starting on September 6th at 10 am Arizona Time**

September 6th host: Pastor Matt

September 13th host: Judy Wingert

September 20th host: Neil West

September 27th host: Judy Wingert

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84789547840>

Meeting ID: 847 8954 7840

One tap mobile

+16699009128,, 84789547840# US (San Jose)



DID YOU KNOW???

Pastors and staff members are each taking a day of the week, M-F and presenting an inspirational video on Facebook. If you do not participate in Facebook, these are available on our new church app and on our church website!!

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tithes & offering
Worship the Lord in Giving

GIVING ONLINE: Click "GIVE" button at catalinamethodist.org and follow the instructions to register and make single or recurring donations.

TEXT GIVING: Text a dollar amount including \$ sign (e.g., \$50) to 520-441-8592 and follow texted instructions to register. After registration, simply text the amount (e.g., \$50) to make additional donations. You will receive an e-receipt.

Church App GIVING

Write a check and mail it to: 2700 E. Speedway, 85716

MINISTRY UPDATES

Missions/Church and Society, by Doug Wingert

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making Our PB&J sandwich making event, originally scheduled for Friday afternoon, September 25th, has been cancelled. Instead, our committee will continue to supply the sandwich ingredients for Tucson's homeless and hungry. The Casa Maria staff will make the sandwiches and pack the sack lunches for us until such time as it is safe for Catalina volunteers to do so.

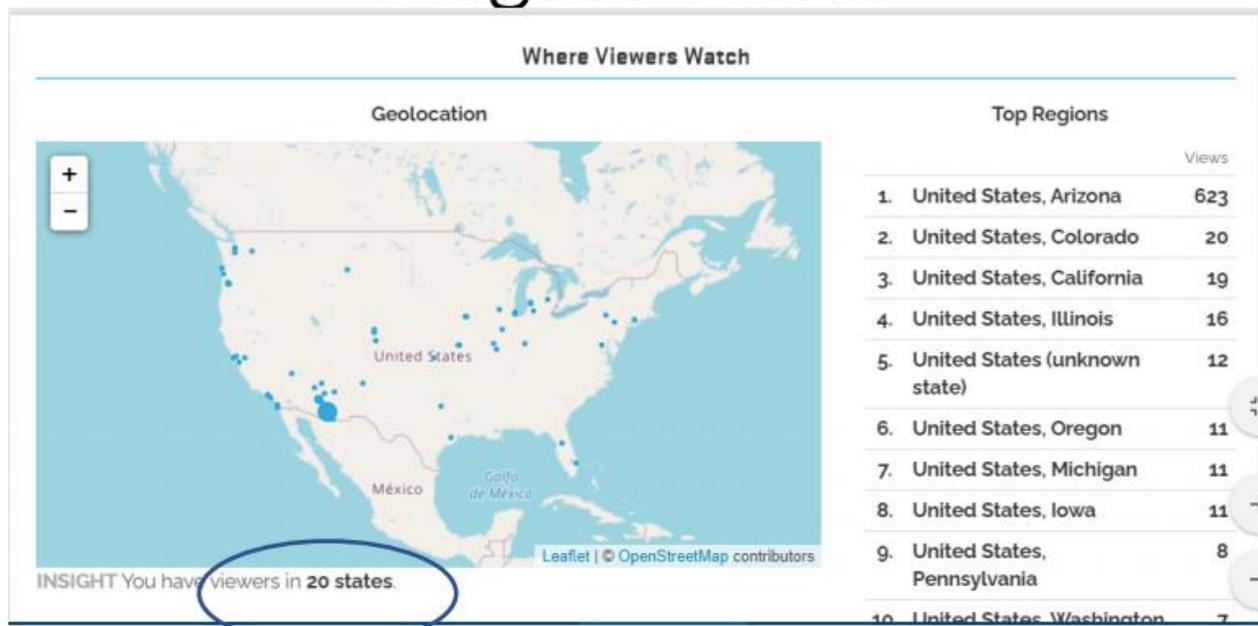
Casa Maria Soup Kitchen Our cooking and serving of a hot meal at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, originally scheduled for Saturday morning, September 26th, has been cancelled. Our committee will continue to provide the groceries, in their original packaging, for a hot meal. The small staff at Casa Maria will prepare and serve the food on our behalf.

Primavera Men's Shelter Since last April, due to current health and safety concerns, Primavera's volunteer coordinator has asked Catalina to simply provide the groceries in their original packaging once each month. Our United Methodist Men's (UMM) group provided the ingredients for a great lasagna dinner for about 40 homeless men on Saturday, August 22nd. We will continue this outreach on Saturday, September 26th and on the fourth Saturday of each month thereafter. The Primavera staff will continue to prepare and serve the meal to the homeless men at the shelter until such time as the COVID 19 virus issues are no longer a factor.

Packathon Tom Campbell, our chairperson for the Packathon event, reports that the Packathon event, originally scheduled for a date this Fall, has had to be rescheduled, hopefully for a date in the Spring of 2021. You may recall that last October, Catalina joined efforts with several other congregations to pack 50,000 meals for those who suffer from hunger in our community and throughout the southwest. Unfortunately, due to virus issues, Catalina feels that any date in 2020 would not be a good time to gather in large groups to prepare food for others.

AUG. LIVE STREAMING DATA

August 2020





From the Desk of Pastor Matt,

Since many of us have wanted to see this tumultuous time be a "sprint" but know that in all its timing, dealing with today's problems is more like a "marathon." We have got to set ourselves into a new pace and rhythm. To do this, especially in a faithful and faith-filled way, we have got to be intentional in our spiritual practices. The apostle, Paul, does a good job of trying to describe it when he talks about putting on the full armor of God each day. I found helpful another great way to practice this which I would like to share a section from Dawn Wilson:

1. Look to God as you awaken.

We do not know what we will face each day, so it's wise to reset our hearts and minds by seeking the Lord in prayer and looking into God's Word. We can start our day with a simple prayer for guidance, and reflect on a scripture passage or verse to lend stability and hope to morning prayers. Here are some suggestions: Psalm 5:3; Psalm 16:8; Psalm 19:14; Psalm 23; Psalm 59:16; Psalm 88:13; Psalm 90:14; Psalm 143:8; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 50:4-5; Lamentations 3:22-24; Philippians 4:6-7; and James 1:5.

2. Count on God for this day.

It's one thing to talk about God or even post an inspiring meme about Him on social media, but our Father wants us to take Him at His word and act on what He says. In the morning, we might consider scriptures we have read, studied, memorized, or meditated on in recent days and apply them to current struggles.

One way is to look for action words. For example, there's the word "ask" in James 1:5: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." Discover new ways to actively count on our Faithful God!

3. Rest in God as you choose faith.

Almost from the moment our feet touch the floor in the morning—unless we don't listen to television or radio until later in the day—we begin to hear bad news about the latest crisis. Anxiety and fear can fill our hearts and minds unless we focus on God and His perspective. Our fearful thoughts might cause us to say with the Psalmist, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest" (Psalm 55:6). But the truth is, God is the Christian's safe haven of rest—a solid refuge (Psalm 46). The Lord God invites us to hold His hand and not fear (Isaiah 41:13).

4. Pray to God with each sunrise.

"Lord, thank you for this new day. Though I don't know all the challenges I'll face, I know You will be with me and You are my hope. You are my strength. You will give me wisdom as I seek Your perspective in Your Word. I pray for those who are hurting or lonely today—that you will comfort them. I pray for those who are ill—that you will heal them. I pray for those who are concerned about what may come in the next uncertain hours—that you will grant them peace as they trust You. Thank you for being our safe haven and solid refuge because of the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit working in us. Amen."

I pray for all of us that we are finding our way to a closer and intentional connection to God. It is in that faithful connection we are living as those who bring hope and light to our fear-filled and impatient world.

God's peace,

Pastor Matt

FROM OUR FINANCE CHAIR, MICHAEL GUYMON

The Church's financial picture as of July 31, 2020 is becoming less rosy and a bit more reflective of the effects the pandemic is having on businesses and individuals throughout the community and the nation. While expenses have decreased since we are not able to physically use our church spaces, that is having a negative effect on our revenues, particularly space that we rent to outside groups and our ability to collect non-pledged giving. We are still working with our accountant and financial team to ensure most, if not all, of the PPP loan is forgiven. This will help offset some declines in revenue we are seeing but it is still critical that we continue to financially support our church and thank you to those who have stepped up and continue to give during this challenging time!

Finances as of July 31, 2020

Revenues: \$ 371,897.73

Expenses: \$ 383,029.91

Shortfall: \$ -11,132.18

September 2020 Scholarship Bulletin Announcement-from The Foundation Board Will Whitaker, Scholarship Committee Chair

Did you know that the Catalina United Methodist Foundation has a scholarship program? We are now accepting applications for the current semester. Scholarship funds have been donated in the past for specific objectives. Some of the awards are available to any student who is an active member or regular attender at Catalina. Other scholarships are available for specified fields of study including:

- Ministerial
- Education or Special Education
- Industrial or Technical Fields
- District or Conference Camps and Events

The Foundation is encouraging our students to apply for scholarships. Application forms are available from the Catalina website at <https://catalinamethodist.org/foundation/>.



FUNNY CHURCH MARQUEES

- ~ Under the same management for 2000 years!
- ~ There are some questions that can't be answered by Google
- ~ Come as you are – you can change inside
- ~ We are not Dairy Queen, but we have great Sundays
- ~ You have one new friend request from Jesus – confirm/ignore

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS: Sept. 13- Sept. 26

Sept. 13 Exodus 14:19-25

Sept. 14 Exodus 14:26-31

Sept. 15 Exodus 15:1b-11

Sept. 16 Exodus 15:20-21

Sept. 17 Romans 14:1-12

Sept. 18 Matthew 18:21-27

Sept. 19 Matthew 18:28-35

Sept. 20 Exodus 16:2-8

Sept. 21 Exodus 16:9-15

Sept. 22 Psalm 105:1-6

Sept. 23 Psalm 105:37-45

Sept. 24 Philippians 1:21-30

Sept. 25 Matthew 20:1-7

Sept. 26 Matthew 20:8-16

POSTCARDS FROM OUR FAMILY...

Sandi and James Bunker

We are in Groton Long Point, CT, until Sept 4th, celebrating our 55th wedding anniversary at our favorite place, where we met. Our daughter & her 3 children, son-in-law & his daughter were here for part of our month. Now we just enjoy the beauty of the place and old friends.



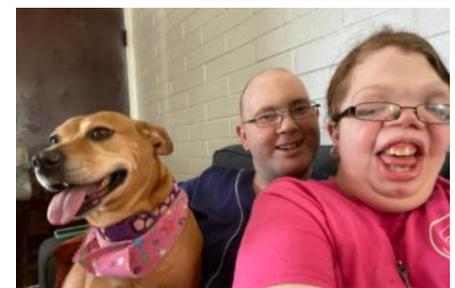
Elk in Jake Redekop's yard in Oregon



ONE MORE POSTCARD...

Are you away? Or maybe away because you are at home social distancing? We would love to hear a few lines from you to share with our church family of what you are up to and how you are doing. Send it along with snapshot of you either at home or where ever you find yourself

to matt@catalinamethodist.org. We will share it as one of our "postcard" moments.



**Hello from Tommy and Taylor
Warren!**

This summer we have been working from home and trying to stay cool by relaxing at the house and playing Dominos. We are missing our church family and sending hugs.



Scammers are back at it again! If you receive a text or email from Pastor Dottie requesting for gift cards it is a scam. Dottie will not ask you for gift cards or money, if you need confirmation please call Pastor Dottie first!

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UNITED METHODIST WOMENS' FALL BIBLE STUDY

Have you been missing Bible Study? We have, and we are also missing seeing our fellow participants. So...

The study we have chosen is "Joshua -Winning the Worry Battle" by Barb Roose.

We are doing the study via ZOOM with Andrew Colby's help.

It is a 6 week course and we will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. There is a video to go with the study that we would watch on ZOOM. Please order your book from Amazon and have it delivered to your house. Andrew will email you directions to get on ZOOM and help you with any questions you have regarding using ZOOM.

Start date is Oct. 7, ending Nov. 11.

Contact Andrew for Zoom help:
andrew@catalinamethodist.org

Contact Judy Darcy for questions:
jdarcy@cox.net

