



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 School Fund which will go to the Day School. This CUMC Foundation fund provides a tuition scholarship for families with a financial hardship. Click on the “Give” to make a one-time or recurring donation or send in a check to church with Catalina Day School Fund on the memo line. Your generosity is appreciated.

**The deadline for the next newsletter is:
5:00 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19, 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, Jon and Judy Alublowicz

Colleen, LaVon Morgan's only sister in Colorado, who is in hospice.

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

Joanne, JD McNett's Aunt, who is in a long term care facility in Washington with the Covid virus.

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

Mick Matthews had cardiac surgery on Monday Oct. 5, 2020.

Roy Knight is scheduled for cardiac surgery on Monday Oct. 19, 2020

Continuing Prayers Betty Jane Deweerd, Janet Williams, Amber and Cody DeMeritt

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 all of October!

Topic: Virtual Coffee Zoom Fellowship

Time: 10 a.m. AZ time Oct. hosts: Oct. 11 Judy Wingert, Oct. 18 Pastor Matt, Oct. 25 Judy Wingert

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 8954 7840

One tap mobile

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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!! **CLICK ON THE FB LOGO TO ACCESS. ALSO CLICK THE YOU TUBE LOGO FOR CURRENT VIDEOS!**

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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

BY MAIL: 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, was cancelled. Instead, our committee supplied the sandwich ingredients to Casa Maria for Tucson's homeless and hungry. The Casa Maria staff made the sandwiches and packed the sack lunches on behalf of Catalina UMC's mission outreach.

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, was also cancelled. Our committee continued to provide the groceries, in their original packaging, for a hot meal. The small staff at Casa Maria prepared and served the food on our behalf.

Primavera Men's Shelter 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 committee provided the ingredients for a great lasagna dinner for about 40 homeless men and our United Methodist Men's group, (UMM), did the shopping and delivery of the groceries on Saturday, September 26th. We will continue this outreach on Saturday, October 24th 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.



We had a successful Charge Conference on Oct. 4, 2020. Thirty-two people attended via Zoom. We are proud of ourselves to be learning new technology which helps us continue the work of the church in these unprecedented times!. This annual business meeting of the church enables all interested members a peak into the work of the church in 2020. The meeting actually was turned into a Church Conference, so all attendees had a vote in the business at hand: Leadership Report, Lay Leadership and Nominations Report, Membership Report, Stewardship and Finance Report, Clergy Compensation for Pastor Dottie and Pastor Matt, and Lay Servant Ministers and Certified Lay Ministers. Way to go Catalina!



From the Desk of Pastor Matt, **(Matt is on vacation – here is a prior article that still applies)**

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

Please join us for our 2nd Zoom Unit meeting. Catalina United Methodist Women will meet virtually on Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm.

Our program will focus on ways that we can meet the needs of women, children, and youth in our community, state, and world. Our scripture inspiration will be Acts 6:1-7.

Since we can't meet in person and share a snack, have your favorite cookie nearby and be ready to share why it is your favorite.

Contact Pastor Matt for an invitation for the meeting. Use that link to go to the meeting. We look forward to sharing fellowship and finding more ways to help our community!

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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

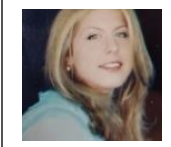
The Foundation is encouraging our students to apply for scholarships. Application forms are available from the Catalina website at <https://catalinamethodist.org/foundation/>.

FUNNY CHURCH MARQUEES



- ~ This too shall pass. It might be like a kidney stone, but it's gonna pass.
- ~ Jesus said, "I'll be back." Long before Arnold did.
- ~ When life gives you more than you can stand, kneel.
- ~ Jesus can wash away sin, but you've still got to wash your hands.

In Loving Memory



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Kandyce Dache Burns who passed away on September 17, 2020, much too soon at the young age of 35. She was born on October 1st, 1984 in Tucson Az. She attended Sabino High School and became an Esthetician after receiving a degree in cosmetology. She is survived by her parents Donna and John Ruboyanes and Keith Burns. Kandyce attended Catalina UMC when she was in high school and sang in the youth choir and was active in youth group.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS: Oct. 11 – 24, 2020

Oct. 11 Exodus 32:1-7

Oct. 18 Exodus 33:12-23

Oct. 12 Exodus 32:8-14

Oct. 19 Psalm 99

Oct. 13 Psalm 106:1-6

Oct. 20 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Oct. 14 Psalm 106:19-23

Oct. 21 Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 15 Philippians 4:1-9

Oct. 22 Pray for family

Oct. 16 Matthew 22:1-6

Oct. 23 Favorite Psalm

Oct. 17 Matthew 22:7-14

Oct. 24 Favorite verse

BOON, GOON, MOON, NOON, SOON, ZOOM

Are you having trouble connecting with church folks for ZOOM meetings? Or having problems viewing the live streaming on Sundays? Or finding archived services online? Or using our church APP? Or turning in a virtual choir recording? If you have a Smart phone, and/or a computer, tablet, and internet, **WE CAN HELP!** We have a tech team of 5 folks who could help you by phone or possibly a socially distanced meeting outside somewhere or in your home. Please let Judy Wingert know if you would like help from our patient, kind, knowledgeable Tech Team!
judywingert@gmail.com or 520-909-4404.

UMW MEMBERS

Women, did you pledge to United Methodist Women last Jan.? If you did, and haven't turned in your pledge yet, please send a check to Judy Brummet, Treasurer, by Nov. 1st. Thanks,

Her address is:

5059 N. Campana Dr.
Tucson, AZ. 85718



Thanks to Ken Tittlebaugh, Neil West, and Bob Golden for cleaning up Speedway weeds, and fixing the sagging sign a couple of weeks ago. Fixing the signs is a constant event!!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMENS' FALL BIBLE STUDY HAS STARTED

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.

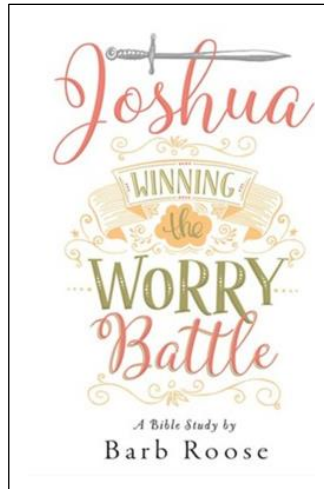
We are doing the study via ZOOM with Andrew Colby's help.

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



SPREAD THE WORD – ONLINE YOUTH GROUP!

Dear Catalina Congregation - if you know any high school or middle school student in need of a church community, invite them to check out Catalina's Youth Group on Zoom! We meet every Sunday at 1:00 pm for fellowship, fun, and furthering the Gospel! If you know someone who is interested have them email Andrew Colby at andrew@catalinamethodist.org!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joining our Catalina Family during the service on Oct. 4th were:

Fay Sias, Jane Sanderson and Quest Hunter. We welcome you with open arms and hope to see you virtually soon!