

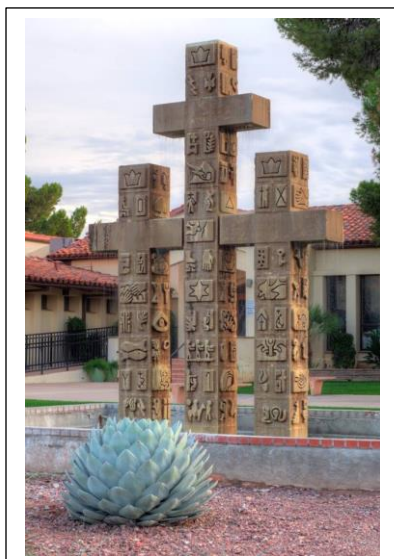


The Catalina News



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

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

There will be a Charge Conference on **Thursday, January 21st at 5pm (at the Administrative Board meeting)** to vote on Quest Hunter for ministry. She has been affirmed by the SPRC, and now Charge Conference has to vote on her call.

**The deadline for the next newsletter is:
5:00 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 .**

Email to: newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

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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, Hilda Lane, Diane and Foster Good, Marvin Blough, Judy and Bill Atchison, Paul Clark, Wyona Shipp, Elena Quiroga, Rebecca Gill

LaVon Morgan thanks everyone for prayers for her sister, Colleen. Colleen died Dec. 4th. Prayers now for strength for LaVon.

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

Christine Hathwell - Prayers her health and her husband Ivan, also with health issues

Toni Smith and her mother Carol Compton both have Covid. Pray for speedy recovery.

Judy McNett – Condolences to Judy and family, as her 73 year old cousin Dennis recently passed away from a congenital lung condition.

Kathy Shindel's sister-in-law Beth will now do immunotherapy instead of chemotherapy - she thanks Catalina for their prayers

Elizabeth Desman is recovering from a total knee replacement. Pray for her physical therapy to be strong and sure, so that she can walk without pain.

Kay Trondsen was in a serious car accident. She is home and healing.

Cathy Colby's sister Annette is in the hospital with Covid related pneumonia. Please be praying for her health as well as for the family who are eagerly awaiting news of improvement.

Nicki Hampton (520-370-0209) Prayers requested for Nora, recently diagnosed with ALS, prayer for best possible outcome.

Bob Kuhn – for discernment for treatment of Mantle B cell non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Stuart and Cynthia Garrison – Stuart has strep throat and Covid. Cynthia is caring for him.

Louie and Jenne Allen have many health issues-pray for healing.

Ray and Pat Newton – Sheri Anderson's parents; her dad has Covid, and her mom is the caretaker.

Donna Grannan, Dennis Grannon's mother – she is 92 and fell. She has a fractured wrist and must wear a cervical collar for 3 months while her spine heals. Dennis is our church organist.

Sarah Williams as she recovers from a broken left knee cap

Jane Neve – she is hospitalized with Covid and seriously ill. John tested positive, but is home.

Paul Clark as he is cared for by his son, David, and strength for David.

Dianne Maier – her husband, Fred, died recently.

Victoria, Delia Ramirez's daughter. Victoria is having eye surgery soon.

Continuing Prayers 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

NOT USING SOCIAL MEDIA???

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!! ON THE 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

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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, Tucson, AZ 85716

MINISTRY UPDATES

Missions/Church and Society

by Doug Wingert

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making: We are anxiously waiting for a time when we can get together in 2021 to make sandwiches for the Casa Maria sack lunch program. We do not have a schedule at this time, but hope we can soon meet together, fellowship together, and make sandwiches together.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen: Once we have a schedule for 2021, our committee will continue to provide the groceries, in their original packaging, for hot meals. The small staff at Casa Maria will prepare and serve the meals on our behalf until such time it is safe for us to prepare food for others.

Primavera Men's Shelter: A member of our United Methodist Men's group, (UMM), shopped for groceries and delivered them to the Primavera Men's Shelter for the Saturday, December 26th evening meals. The Primavera staff will continue to prepare and serve the meals to the homeless men at the shelter until such time as the COVID-19 virus issues are no longer a factor.

Catalina's Snack Pack Outreach: You may have read that our Christmas offering this year was dedicated toward the purchase of "snack pack" groceries and water for the many homeless and hungry who visit our church daily. Catalina volunteers are currently purchasing, packing, and distributing approximately 150 of these nutritious snacks to those in need each week.

Packathon: Although the 2020 Packathon had to be cancelled, due to continued concern over COVID-19 virus issues, our chairperson, Tom Campbell, hopes to reschedule in 2021. With continued concern over potential problems with food handling, a new Packathon date has not been scheduled at this time. You may recall that, in October, 2019, 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.

Market on the Move: Many of our Catalina volunteers have asked about the possible resumption of the monthly Market on the Move events. The director of the program has had to scale back distribution of produce and currently is only offering sale of pre-packaged produce at their main location on 22nd Street. Again, our volunteers are hopeful that we can soon find safe, sanctioned ways to handle and distribute food for others.

Want to 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 on Sunday all of December and Jan.!

Topic: Virtual Coffee Zoom Fellowship

Time: 10 a.m. AZ time.

WE WILL HAVE THESE FELLOWSHIPS THROUGHOUT JAN.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 8954 7840

One tap mobile

16699009128, 84789547840# US (San Jose)



Our condolences to
Branda and Rick Halferty on the death of her mother,
Dorothy. She was 93 years old.

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Tucson, AZ 85710



FUNNY CHURCH MARQUEES

~ iPod, iPad, try iPray. God is listening

~ Forgive your enemies, it messes with their heads

~ 6 feet apart today is better than 6 feet under
tomorrow



From the Desk of Matt,

The year 2020 was not what any of us expected. Despite losses and struggles, I was really encouraged on Christmas Eve during worship at home about the wonderfully good news of Emmanuel...God is with us! It reminds me that all that we have gone through in 2020 can be sustained by leaning into God's promises. It reminds us how Jesus knows what our lives are like and with God we can hope and walk through this difficult season. There is promise for light in the darkness and even light at the end of tunnel starting to emerge. But now as we enter a new year, lasting effects and lingering doubts continue. How are we preparing ourselves and our faith family for 2021?

Let me encourage us as we are beginning this new year to start with prayer. I encourage you that God delights in answering our prayers. The Bible encourages us to approach God boldly in prayer (Hebrews 4:16). When we pray according to God's will (1 John 5:14), we can come before God boldly, not based on who we are or what we've done, but based on who Christ is and what He has accomplished for us by His life, death, resurrection, and exaltation.

So now, will you join me....

Emmanuel, your presence makes all the difference in our lives throughout this last year and now in 2021. At the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us the wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new to help us in our journey. Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. We ask for your grace to cover our lives this day. We love you Lord...we need you. Continue to help us, our church, our community, and our world, to live in your love as well as live it out for others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God's peace everyone and Happy New Year 2021!

Pastor Matt

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan. 3 – 16, 2021

Jan. 3 Isaiah 60:1-6	Jan. 10 Genesis 1:1-5
Jan. 4 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Jan. 11 Psalm 29
Jan. 5 Ephesians 3:1-7	Jan. 12 Acts 19:1-7
Jan. 6 Ephesians 3:8-12	Jan. 13 Mark 1:4-11
Jan. 7 Matthew 2:1-6	Jan. 14 Favorite verse
Jan. 8 Matthew 2:7-12	Jan. 15 Second favorite verse
Jan. 9 Favorite psalm	Jan. 16 Second favorite psalm

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS – INFORMATION

by Aviry Christy

Hello, families of Tucson and Catalina United Methodist Church! In this edition, I'm excited to share about a study out of Oxford University, a fun snack idea, and a fun game you can play with your family and even your dog.

Did your family get any new toys for Christmas? You may already know this, however, now you will have the science to back you up. In the study, children were given different amounts of toys to pick from. When fewer toys were available, the kids were more creative, spent more time with each item, and strengthened important social-emotional skills. Less really is more! You can read the whole article here: www.greenchildmagazine.com/benefits-of-having-fewer-toys/

For a fun snack for both kids and adults, try the following.

Bubble Cheese

Grilled cheese sandwiches are classic comfort food. Get all that classic goodness with a fun twist. Use your favorite cookie cutters (larger ones please) and cut out shapes from a slice of bread and a slice of cheese. Place the cheese on top, and toast in the oven or a toaster oven until cheese is bubbly. For adults, use simple geometric shapes and garnish with fresh herbs or sliced veggies.

Now that you've had your snack, it's time for a game. Have you ever seen the shell game where a coin or ball is placed under a shell or cup and then mixed up with other shells? This can be a fun game for all ages as the prize inside can be changed along with the speed to match the skill of the players. You can even play this game with your dog! Merely put a small piece of the dog's food or a treat under a cup and then mix them up. It might take a few slow turns for the dog to understand, go slow, and have fun!

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – UNIT MEETING

JAN. 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM



Happy New Year! Please join us for our January Unit meeting on January 13 at 7pm.
We will still be meeting on Zoom and Pastor Matt will send you an invite as the date gets closer. We enjoy touching base with all of you!
CUMW Leadership Team

Recent sign in front of Blenman Elementary School



Thanks to Catalina United Methodist and TEP!

Catalina UMC
Methodist Men's
Virtual Breakfast
Saturday, January 9, 2021
8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
ZOOM online Meeting click below
Who is behind the screen?
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87602142208>
**“How the online services
are prepared and launched”**

with Brian Pettepiece,
Kyle Hood, Rob Resetar,
Ben Hansen & Neil West
*Log on; invite a friend and enjoy
Virtual coffee and fellowship!*

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