



## 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**  
**IN PERSON SERVICES**

**9:00 A.M.**  
**PINE TREE PATIO**

SERVICES ALTERNATE BETWEEN  
TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY-  
MASKS/SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

**SUNDAY SERVICES PRESENTED  
ONLINE EACH WEEK**

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Join us from the comfort of your  
home

[www.catalinamethodist.org](http://www.catalinamethodist.org)

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

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

Email to: [newsletter@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:newsletter@catalinamethodist.org)

**CATALINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**2700 E. SPEEDWAY BLVD.**

**TUCSON, AZ 85716**

**520.327.4296**

**EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS – 520.477.8876**

**NEW IN PERSON  
OFFICE HOURS**  
**Mon. – Fri. - 9am to  
12 noon**

Phone calls will still  
be answered remotely

Closed Fridays

## 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 –**

Bob Kuhn – for successful, ongoing treatment of Mantle B cell non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Sarah Williams as she recovers from a broken left knee cap and the surgery to fix it.

Paul Clark and his wife Elizabeth (Liz) she has Alzheimer's – he has been moved to hospice care at Casa de la Luz

Karen Conway – health issues.

Nancy Greenlee – answered prayers – her new pacemaker is working well!

Susie Hathaway – health issues.

Judy and Bill Atchison – Bill needs constant care; Judy is his caregiver. Pray for peace and strength.

Gil and Virginia Burkel have asked for prayers for their sister-in-law Elizabeth Thomas involving some recent health issues.

Barbara Montgomery has asked for prayers for continued healing.

David Gerard as he starts a medical treatment to fight non Hodgkins lymphoma. He is Allen Gerard's son.

Martha Moody prayers for health.

Jim and Lorel Caldwell would like us to please keep their daughter Kailey in prayer. She is Asian American in these turbulent times.

Marvin Blough – pray for healing

Ina Smalzer – pray for recovery for recent heart surgery

Cathy Colby – healing from surgery to remove hardware from her healed broken leg

Kirk Reed – prayers for healing and treatment

*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](mailto:newsletter@catalinamethodist.org)

*Also - if you would like a prayer request removed, please let us know.*

**PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE COLLECTION  
RESUMES**

Now that the office is open Tues. and Th. from 9 a.m. - noon for in person business, please bring in your clean, transparent, empty prescription bottles with NO LABELS. The Primavera Foundation has partnered with the Beacon Foundation to have personnel at Beacon fill them with lotion, shampoo, conditioner, sunscreen and body wash.



**tithes & offering**  
*Worship the Lord in Giving*

**GIVING ONLINE:** Click "GIVE" button at [catalinamethodist.org](http://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, Tucson, AZ 85716**

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## Missions/Church and Society

by Doug Wingert

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, our committee arranged for the purchase and delivery of groceries to the Primavera Men's Shelter for hot dinners. A much deserved "thank you" goes out to Neil West for his time and effort devoted to this outreach. The next Primavera Men's Shelter meal is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021. The Primavera staff continues to do all the cooking and serving on behalf of Catalina, but at least we are still able to provide the food that makes nutritious meals for the men who currently live at the shelter. We look forward to the day when Catalina volunteers can, once again, shop, cook, serve, and fellowship with the homeless men living at the shelter.

We also continue to purchase, assemble, and serve about 150 snack packs and bottled water each week for the homeless and hungry folks in our church neighborhood. A big thanks to the several volunteers who make this happen each week.

On Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, our committee purchased and delivered groceries to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen for sandwiches and hot soup. Again, the staff at Casa Maria continued to do all the food preparation and serving until the Covid-19 threat has been mitigated. The next date for our committee to arrange for the sandwich and hot meal groceries for Casa Maria will be June 5, 2021.

We know many of you miss the PB&J sandwich making and Market on the Move events, but the preparation and serving of food by our church volunteers must continue to be suspended until the Covid-19 danger is significantly lowered. Eventually, we will, once again, be able to gather in groups to prepare and serve food for our less fortunate neighbors.

## WELCOME REV. MELISSA RYNDERS – ON JULY 1, 2021

As you know, Pastor Dottie is being transferred to Paradise Valley UMC in Paradise Valley, AZ.

We want to give a warm Catalina Welcome to Rev. Melissa Rynders, her husband Rob, their two boys, Colby(13) and Zachary(9), and their puggle, Romeo.



Melissa has been an Elder in The United Methodist Church for 15 years. She is a graduate of The University of Arizona (BA, Education) and Claremont School of Theology (MDiv). She has served North Scottsdale UMC, The Bridge UMC(Arcadia Cooperative Parish), First UMC Phoenix and most recently Sanctuary UMC, Marana. She is a skilled preacher, Christian educator and enjoys engaging people in the stories of our faith and how they are lived out in the world today. She enjoys reading, volunteering, crafting, and spending time with her family. Welcome, Rev. Rynders!



From the Desk of Dottie, Dear Catalina,

April 19, 2021

I have so much to say, but not enough time to say it all. Isn't it something how we save all the important things for those moments when we know our time is limited. We still have a few months together, but I am going to take every chance I can to tell you some of the things I want you to hear.

First, some business: We are gradually opening up in-person worship together. This week we will meet at 9am in the Pine Tree Patio. And then, starting in May, we will move to worship indoors in the Sanctuary. We will only have one service each Sunday for now. It will be at 9am, and we will alternate between Contemporary and Traditional worship styles. We will ALSO continue to do online worship every week. Please know that your health and safety are our primary concern, and that it is ok if you need to worship at home. When you feel ready, come and join us in person.

In the fall, we will move to either 2 or 3 worship services indoors. Every week the Traditional service will be in the Sanctuary, and the Contemporary service will be in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue online worship at that time. Please remember that we will keep to this schedule, unless things change with the covid numbers in our county.

Second, I am proud of the way you have handled this global and local crisis of health. I have watched you do the hard thing of staying home and caring for each other via social media, phones, and even letters. I see that you truly have lived out the 3 Simple Rules of John Wesley during this time:

First, do no harm.

Second, do good.

Third, stay in love with God.

This has been a tough year, and I have missed being with you in person. Your hugs, smiles, words, and laughter reverberate through my mind and body as I remembered you this year. God's Presence has not left us alone, even though we have faced losses and difficulties. We have been with each other in spirit and in truth.

Third, I am grateful for your strength and courage. I have watched you make decisions to include all of God's people in the love and structure of our church. Becoming a Reconciling Congregation was not easy, but it was the right thing to do. Your love and statement of inclusion has made a difference in Tucson, and in our world. Sometimes love is soft and gentle, and other times it is determinedly certain and bold. You have drawn the circle wider to include many people in your love. I encourage you, dear Catalina, to continue to find ways to increase in love, in strength, and in grace.

Fourth, I remember that at the start of this Pandemic, we took on the vision for 2020 and then 2021 from Micah 6:8, which is the answer to the question, *What does the Lord require of you?*

Act justly

Love mercy

Walk humbly with God.

If I could suggest a way forward at this time in our history, it would be to focus on these three things. Justice requires strong voice, laced with love, and an understanding of those who are hurting. Mercy means knowing that it is better to be kind than to be right, and knowing that we have received mercy when we were forgiven. And humility in walking with God is always knowing that we don't know what God knows. We don't have all the answers, and we are not right in our believing until we know that we can be wrong. The love of God is greater than anything we can ever imagine, and so, I hope we will err on the side of love, because God is Love.

These four things I bring to you today. I will try to say more in the months to come. Remember I have been changed by being in your presence, and that my love for you, dear Catalina, will continue.

I'm praying for you!

Pastor Dottie

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS April 25 – May 8, 2021

April 25 Acts 4:5-12

May 2 Acts 8:26-33

April 26 Psalm 23

May 3 Acts 8:34-40

April 27 1 John 3:16-24

May 4 Psalm 22:25-31

April 28 John 10:11-18

May 5 1 John 4:7-16

April 29 Favorite Psalm

May 6 1 John 4:17-21

April 30 Favorite Old Testament verse

May 7 John 15:1-8

May 1 Favorite New Testament verse

May 8 Favorite all time passage

## SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE CATALINA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION ARE AVAILABLE

Do you know of anyone who has lost employment and needs retraining? The Catalina United Methodist Foundation may be able to help through our scholarship program. We are now accepting applications for the current semester. Some of the awards are available to any student who is an active member or regular attendee 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/>.

*Also be watching for The Foundation letter and updated Foundation brochure in your mailboxes soon! If you do not receive them and would like them, please email: [newsletter@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:newsletter@catalinamethodist.org)*

### YOUTH GROUP IS MEETING IN PERSON

Contact Andrew Colby for questions:

[andrew@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:andrew@catalinamethodist.org)

Many of us participated in the Q and A with Frances Causey, Director of the movie, "The Long Shadow." If you were unable to participate, here is the link to view the discussion. <https://youtu.be/x5LYxP472Zo>

### Virtual Coffee Update

If you wish to have the Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour continue, contact Matt at [matt@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:matt@catalinamethodist.org) to set a new meeting time.

### The Contemporary Service

is LOOKING FOR SINGERS

& a DRUMMER.

If you're interested...

Please, leave your name & number

At the church office. 520.327.4296



**Methodist Men's  
Virtual Breakfast  
Saturday, May 8, 2021**

8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

ZOOM online Meeting click below

**Housing the Homeless –  
What Works – What Doesn't**



Tom Litwicki, CEO,  
Old Pueblo Community Services

*Log on; invite a friend and enjoy  
Virtual coffee and fellowship!*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81949416755>



**Thank You Catalina Family**

Thank you for all of the get well cards and cards of encouragement for Sarah as she recovers from her fractured patella surgery. She is working on strength, balance, and range of motion. She is back to work at Beacon Group for 2 hours a day and is doing well.

Deborah and Rickey Williams

**AREN'T KIDS GREAT???**



~ A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

~ A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

**Catalina United Methodist Women**



Come join us via Zoom for our yearly tea! Wear your favorite hat and have a cup of decaf tea at your side. We will catch up and socialize and have a devotion. Pastor Matt will send you an invite or if you are not on our regular list send him an email and he will put you on the invite list. Hope to see you on Wednesday, May 5th at 7pm.