



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 18 in person worship. 10 am, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School – within the service each week
Koinonia Sunday School Class – 9:00 am E-23-All adults welcome
Adult Sunday School class – 9 am H-230
PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR CATALINA HS ENDS TODAY! THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED!
Wed., Sept. 14 – Men's Bible Study – 6:45 am E-23
Th. Sept. 15 – Bell Ringers rehearsal – 5:30 pm Music Room
Th. Sept. 15 – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – 7:00 Music Room
Sunday, Sept. 25 – in person worship. 10 am. Sanctuary
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Adult Sunday School class – 9 am H-230
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Th. Sept. 21 – Bell Ringers rehearsal – 5:30 pm Music Room
Th. Sept. 21 – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – 7:00 Music Room
Friday, Sept. 30 – Pride Parade – 6:30 -8:30 pm. Armory Park – all are welcome! Exact line up position coming soon!
Sat., Oct. 1 – Pride Festival – noon – 6:30 – sign up to volunteer with judywingert@gmail.com
Sunday, Oct. 16 – Packathon – early afternoon – Muslim Community Center – 5100 N. Kevy Pl., 85704

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAMED EACH SUNDAY 10 A.M. – SANCTUARY GO TO WWW.CATALINAMETHODIST.ORG FOR THE LINK EACH WEEK (SERVICES ARE ALSO ARCHIVED ON THE WEBSITE)

Sanctuary stained glass windows!



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This newsletter is also on the website. Let the office know if you would like this newsletter mailed to you

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The deadline for the next newsletter is: 5:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2022. Email to: newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

**OFFICE HOURS
MON. – FRI. 9 A.M. TO 3 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:

Susie Hathaway – health issues.

Diane Lopes - asks for prayers and/or visits – she is in Haven Health of Saguaro Valley-6651 E Carondelet Dr. Rm. 314-A (Call first 520-296-6100 for instructions for visitation)

Catalina High School staff, administration, and students- for the principal, Norma Gonzales, for leadership.

Daniel Baxter – has just been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for Daniel and his medical team.

Sandy Whipple – healing prayers

Michele Frederick – Prayers for continued healing of many health issues with **PRAISE to the Lord for no more need for kidney dialysis**

Dan Richards, husband of Kathy, needs prayers for recovery

Rick Halferty – prayers for heart specialists for discernment and treatment

Prayers for the Ukrainians and for people who have family and relatives in Ukraine.

Barbara Escobar is undergoing cancer treatment, prayers for her healing, treatments, and medical team expertise

Trevor Anthony Chilcote's father's brain surgery recovery.

Prayers for the all the senseless loss of life due to continued gun violence. Pray for change!

Polly White – health concerns

Marvin Blough – health issues

Dottie Lou Colby – continued prayers for health and strength

Daniel Baxter during his cancer treatments and recovery.

Barbara Escobar's healing during ongoing cancer treatment.

Jackie McKenzie's family as her young daughter Melissa's passing is imminent leaving her 2-year old son

Bradley. Also, her sister Renee dealing with fatal cancer.

Janice Pekelder - she is recovering from surgery from a fractured left hip

Debbie Ingraham Moynihan – prayers for successful testing at Mayo for future treatments

Cherie Westcott - a former organist at Catalina – and family. She has recently had a stroke

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

by Brenda Halferty

Announcing the Women's Bible Study for the Fall

We will follow a new series based on Paul's letter to the Philippians entitled *What Matters Most* by Karen Ehman. "Over seven sessions, study the ever-relevant Letter of Philippians to deepen your relationship with Jesus, turn your worries into worship, and develop gospel centered tools for navigating relational conflict and thriving in Christian love." We will begin October 5th at 9:30, meet each Wed., and finish before Thanksgiving. You may purchase the book at christianbook.com or on smile.amazon.com. Please let me know if you plan on attending. More details will follow.

bjhalferty@gmail.com

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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.

IN PERSON EACH SUNDAY AT 10:00 IN THE SANCTUARY

BY MAIL: 2700 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85716

MINISTRY UPDATES

MISSIONS/CHURCH AND SOCIETY

By Doug Wingert

Packathon – OK, the huge Packathon event is on!! There will be many opportunities to help with this outreach on Sunday afternoon, October 16th. We're going to need many helping hands with this event, (and some generous financial contributions to deal with a budget shortfall). Please refer to the full article on Page 6.

Primavera Men's Shelter – Each month, our work teams shop, cook and serve an elaborate hot meal to 80 + men who are homeless and hungry at the Primavera Men's Shelter. But we need some additional volunteers. Our next opportunity to cook and serve dinner for the homeless men living at the shelter will be on Saturday, September 24th. This mission experience will give you a feeling of satisfaction that comes from serving others; . . . a feeling that may be as good as the feeling the Primavera residents have after eating one of our famous dinners! Any volunteer, (over the age of 12), who is vaccinated and can stand and work in a kitchen for 3 or 4 hours on a Saturday afternoon is welcome to volunteer. We need you. If interested, please contact Doug Wingert at 520-909-1549.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – Our next date to cook and serve at Casa Maria will be (early) on Saturday morning, September 24th and we will be finished by 11:00 am. We need one more volunteer to work on that date. We will be serving our taco salad menu for the next few outreach events during the hot weather. Who wants to help on future Casa Maria dates? You must be vaccinated, masked, gloved, at least 12 years old and able to stand and work in a very small kitchen for a few hours. If interested, please contact Doug Wingert at 520-909-1549. There will be a few more Casa Maria dates remaining in 2022.

Catalina Snack Packs – We are still distributing about 25 snack packs and bottled water each week for the homeless and hungry folks in our church neighborhood. Thank you to the several volunteers who shop and pack snacks for this outreach.

Fuente de Vida UMC – Catalina's missions and outreach budget for 2022 includes a \$500 donation to help our sister church in Agua Prieta, Mexico, (just across the border from Douglas, Arizona). Although we have not been able to visit the Fuente de Vida congregation since the pandemic first impacted travel, we still provide this small, but enthusiastic congregation with some financial support each year. Funding has now been requested for this purpose.

New Mission Opportunities - Many of our current mission outreach efforts require a lot of physical stamina. So maybe Catalina should consider some additional outreach efforts that are not so physically challenging. We are looking into some new possibilities. Stand by for more updates.



FROM THE
DESK OF CAROLYN LOVELL, DIRECTOR
OF THE CATALINA DAY SCHOOL

Catalina,

The Day School kicked off the new school year on August 8th with seventy-three children and out of the seventy-three we have sixteen new families. We had an amazing summer and are looking forward to having an awesome school year. The Day School had our Meet the Teacher Night on August 30th where sixty-two of our families came out to meet their new teachers and have their children show them around the classroom and showing off what they like to do in the classroom. The Day School will be starting a gardening class in mid-September for our 2s, 3s, and Pre-K kids.

On September 12th ~ 30th, we are kicking off our school year with our Read-A-Thon Fundraiser and then our Scholastic Book Fair from the 12th-16th.

Pastor Mike will continue the tradition of doing Chapel with our 3's and Pre-K (4's- 5's) students. This is something that the previous Pastor has done along with in previous years two members of the Methodist Women. Each month we focus on the monthly value and a children's story is based off that value, along with a small prayer and song along with a little gift. For the month of September, the value was "Friendship," and the story was *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni. After reading the story Pastor Mike asked the children how can they be a good friend? And what did they learn from the story?

The Day School Pre-K children are working on creating a cozy Pre-K Zen Garden Patio for all to enjoy while playing outside and they have started an Amazon Wish list for things they would like to fill their Pre-K Zen Garden Patio. Check out our wish

list- <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/3BBN2ZW0TO0YP/guest-view> **BE SURE TO START YOUR AMAZON ORDER AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM !!!**

UPDATE FROM THE *DREAM INTO OUR FUTURE* SESSION

By Pastor Mike

I am writing to give a short update to our work with Foundry. As you may remember, we had an in-person meeting with Foundry and many of our leadership at the end of August. Foundry shared some reflections on the survey data that participants from Catalina filled out last spring.

They gleaned four areas from the survey for us to work on: Day School, Missions, Hospitality and Outreach, and Worship. For the Day School, the survey noted that the church highly values the presence of the school as a part of our ministry. However, only about 29% of the church attendees have any experience with the Day School itself. The question Foundry posed was how could strengthening the relationship the church has with the Day School (more experience among more people) enliven the overall ministry of the church?

Concerning missions, again, many responded that they highly value the outreach we do through our church to the community and beyond through mission work. Foundry posed to use the question, how could we provide more opportunities for people in the church to participate in missions and how could this enliven the ministry of our church?

Next, under Hospitality and Outreach, Foundry gleaned from the survey results that there is a need for more and better communication with the surrounding community in the form of better digital presence. For instance, more than 80% of people looking for a new church go to a church's webpage first. In addition, we might need to find ways to share what is happening at Catalina through social media—sharing the story of who we are and what we do. This and related issues (like actually going out into the community to form relationships with others) is another area where we can strengthen our ministry.

Lastly, a number of people identified that worship changed during the pandemic when we went to one service. Some people are desiring additional choices now that we are more fully open. However, what Foundry is suggesting is that we work on style, visitor engagement, and hospitality prior to committing the resources to start an additional service. For instance, if we want to attract young families, we need to focus on things like having the nursery ready, staffed, and have a good system for check in and contact if the parent's presence is needed in the nursery. Additionally, as I mentioned, we would do well to consider what the service style will be like. Foundry suggested that we visit some churches in Tucson to get an idea of both how we might decide on our own music style, worship order, etc. and discover where we might distinguish ourselves from what other churches have to offer. To that end, Foundry suggested putting an exploration team together prior to committing the resources for an additional service. This is something I am working on.

There are other discussions underway, and we are waiting on some additional insight from the leader's meeting with Foundry. But I wanted to share some of where we are continuing to work with Foundry on how we build on and strengthen the ministry of our church.

THE PACKATHON IS BACKATHON!

Update by Tom Campbell

So far there are 6 committed organizations:

- Muslim Community Center Tucson
- Catalina UMC
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- U of A Hillel Foundation
- St. James UMC
- Tucson Church of Christ

This Packathon event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2022. The hosting facility is the Muslim Community Center Tucson, 5100 N. Keyv Place, Tucson. The goal of this event is to package 50,000 nutritious meals to be distributed to missions/institutions that help the hungry, the displaced and refugees in the community of Tucson and throughout Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora. This is accomplished by getting volunteers from these faith-based organizations to make 20 teams of 10 volunteers at each station that pack the ingredients, with the materials provided by the Outreach Program Organization. The funds for this event are raised by all the participating organizations. To donate to the cost of the food: by check/note Packathon or online at: catalinamethodist.org – Packathon. The budget for the event is approximately \$21,000. So far we have \$12,500 pledged so we need to raise another \$8500 by mid-September. The organic excitement, camaraderie and competition that is developed at this event is staggering. This activity brings people from diverse backgrounds together for a common cause and exhibiting to the local communities and beyond that all of our different backgrounds have more in common than not! To donate funds to pay for the food: on the church website or by check (write Packathon in the notation).

2019 Packathon



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READ A THON

Catalina United Methodist Day School

September 12 th ~ 30th

Please help Catalina United Methodist Day School with our fall fundraiser! The purpose of this event is to encourage our children to develop a lifelong love of reading while raising money to support our school. The pledges will directly go to the day school providing financial support we need. Stay tuned for more information. Scholastic Book Fair will be Sept. 12th ~ 16th . Day School Scholastic Webpage - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/catalinamethodistdaysch1>

Shop online Sept. 12 – 25 and 25% in rewards will be given back to the Day School

MULTICULTURAL GROWTH COMMITTEE – NEXT TALKBACK

by Carol West, Chair

TalkBack: You are invited to the next Multicultural Growth Committee Talk Back on Sunday evening, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Tom Campbell will discuss the Packathon which will be held on October 16. Please join us to learn more about this event which benefits the hungry in the community. All are invited to participate. The link will be available when you RSVP via the church office. Or you can write this link down and type it in your browser - Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660554554>

CATALINA CENTENNIAL ITEMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

You can still purchase these items in the church office: *Catalina Centennial* note cards, Centennial t-shirts available (M, L, XL) and the Centennial booklet for \$5.00. Note cards are \$3.00 each. T-shirts are \$15.00 (cash or check.) Cards are in packets of 5, 10 or individual. You can also pre-pay and order the Diana Madaras prints and Christmas ornaments. (cash/check.) The ornaments, and prints can be ordered online on our website with a credit card at catalinamethodist.org **IF YOU ORDERED AN ORNAMENT OR PRINT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE THE FIRST PART OF NOV. LAST DAY TO ORDER IS OCT. 16, 2022.**

TUCSON PRIDE PARADE

The Tucson Pride Parade is Friday night, Sept. 30, 2022 from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. We will be assigned a spot to gather before 7:30 after we register. This evening time can include folks who work during the day! We would like to have you RSVP to judywingert@gmail.com if you plan to walk in the parade or call the church office (520-327-4296). The parade begins at Armory Park and will move Southbound on S 6th Avenue, Westbound on 16th Street, Northbound on Stone Ave, East Bound on Ochoa, and Southbound on S 6th Avenue and terminating at each contingent's assigned staging area.

TUCSON PRIDE FESTIVAL

Catalina will have a booth at the Pride Festival from noon – 6:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 1st. The festival will be at Demeester Outdoor Performance Center, 900 S Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716. There will be lots of LGBTQAI-friendly companies, organizations, music, food trucks, and general fun in the sun! Come see us at our booth. To volunteer to help during the day, please contact judywingert@gmail.com We want to give away smiles and welcoming conversation to all who stop by! We also have centennial pens, church magnets, and an information card to give to folks. Check out the website: <https://www.visittucson.org/event/tucson-pride-festival/7582/>

SUGGESTED DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS – Sept. 18 – Oct. 1, 2022

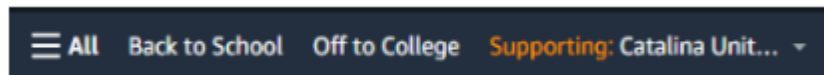
Sept. 18 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Sept. 25 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-8
Sept. 19 Psalm 79:1-9	Sept. 26 Jeremiah 32:9-15
Sept. 20 1 Timothy 2:1-7	Sept. 27 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Sept. 21 Luke 16:1-7	Sept. 28 1 Timothy 6:6-13
Sept. 22 Luke 16:8-13	Sept. 29 1 Timothy 6:14-19
Sept. 23 Hum your favorite hymn tune	Sept. 30 Luke 16:19-26
Sept. 24 Favorite Psalm	Oct. 1 Luke 16:26-31

PLEASE SHOP AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM FROM NOW ON FOR AMAZON PURCHASES!!!!

Catalina United Methodist Church, in partnership with Catalina Day School, is now listed as a nonprofit on smile.amazon.com. Smile.amazon.com donates 0.5% of millions of items purchased through smile.amazon.com back to the church. The church will then receive quarterly monies from smile.amazon.com and split those monies 50/50 with the Day School. The funds can be used however the Day School and church would like. TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!!!

Here are the steps to for supporting Catalina United Methodist Church and the Day School on smile.amazon.com

1. type smile.amazon.com into your browser
2. log into your Amazon account.
3. Look for the ORANGE word Supporting in the black toolbar at the top of the homepage.



4. search for Catalina United Methodist Church and choose it Happy shopping!!! **YOU MUST START AT: SMILE.AMAZON.COM** to purchase items and have 0.5% come back to church.

Mike & I would like to thank all our Catalina family members for their support attending my mom's recent memorial, as well as the precious cards, meals, & visits that we received during this low time in our lives. There are no words to express how much it meant to have you there!

With grateful blessings,
Toni Smith

