



# The Catalina News

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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MIKE

### Inside Out

As you might remember, last fall we had a book discussion on *Inside Out* by Kay L. Kotan and Michael J. Scott. At the end of the book discussion, I asked if some of the participants would write short summaries of the chapters so that we could share them in the newsletter. The book itself is about shifts or pivots that church should consider making given that much of the American culture has changed around its preference for church attendance.

The shifts the authors recommend are: Moving away from churches being Sunday-Centric (church is a Sunday thing); away from being Building-Centric (church happens in a building); away from Pastor-Centric (ministry is a pastor thing), away from Offering-Plate Dependency (churches can rely only on the offering plate to fund ministries). In addition, the authors discuss two things to pivot towards: Becoming emotionally and culturally competent (knowing the stories and concerns of our nearby neighbors) and moving towards Christian social entrepreneurship (entering into partnerships to accomplish ministry goals).

We will include one article a month in the newsletter over the next six months. I hope the articles will help stimulate some new ideas for us all on how we can do church together. Please look for Laurie Campbell's summary of chapter 2 (continued on pg. 4)

## MISSIONS UPDATE

**Market on the Move** – We did it! Thank you to the 10 volunteers who assisted with the January 20th Market on the Move food distribution outreach. By our estimates, we delivered more than 3 tons of surplus groceries that otherwise would have ended up in the landfill. We will do another Market on the Move outreach on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Interested in helping? We will be set up in Catalina's east parking lot and we will serve (continued on pg. 2)



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## MISSIONS UPDATE (CONTINUED FROM PG 1)

neighbors and friends on a “drive thru” format. Food is priced at \$10.00 for up to 60 pounds. We will start at 8:00 am and probably be done in about two hours.

**Primavera Men’s Shelter** – A new year means the Primavera Men’s Shelter is anxiously awaiting our next dinner on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. We have our January cooking and serving team ready to go, but If you would like to volunteer for other dates in 2024, please notify Doug Wingert at [dougwingert@gmail.com](mailto:dougwingert@gmail.com) or contact the church office. We cook and serve a great five course meal to men living with homelessness and they so appreciate our efforts.

**Committee Members Needed** – This year, a number of our participants have completed their 3 year assignments on the Church & Society – Missions Committee, so now we are in need of some new members. Our current outreach efforts are well defined for 2024, and our missions budget has been approved. This committee operates more like an ongoing “task force,” so potential committee members might anticipate no more than quarterly update meetings. Are you interested in knowing more? Please contact Doug Wingert at [dougwingert@gmail.com](mailto:dougwingert@gmail.com).

We need volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, from approximately 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The menu is planned, and the grocery shopping is done by team leaders. The work involves standing and lifting, cooking, and serving. All volunteers who are vaccinated, gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome.

**Casa Maria Soup Kitchen** – Approximately six to seven times throughout the year, Catalina’s missions team cooks and serves our special chicken and vegetable soup recipe for our neighbors living with homelessness and hunger. Although we do not have a 2024 schedule at this time, we expect to do a Casa Maria outreach sometime soon. This is an early morning mission outreach where our team of 3 volunteers cook

and serve more than 200 bowls of soup for our neighbors. We start very early, (approximately 6:30 am to 10:30 am). This work involves standing, lifting, cooking, and serving, using large commercial pots in a very small kitchen. All volunteers who are vaccinated, gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome. As soon as we have the 2024 schedule, you will be welcome to volunteer. Please notify Doug Wingert, at [dougwingert@gmail.com](mailto:dougwingert@gmail.com) or contact the church office, if you are interested.

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The January-February, 2024 issue of The Upper Room is available for purchase in the office or in the narthex on Sundays. The Daily Devotional Guide is in small pocket guide size for \$1.50 or large print size for \$2.00 each.

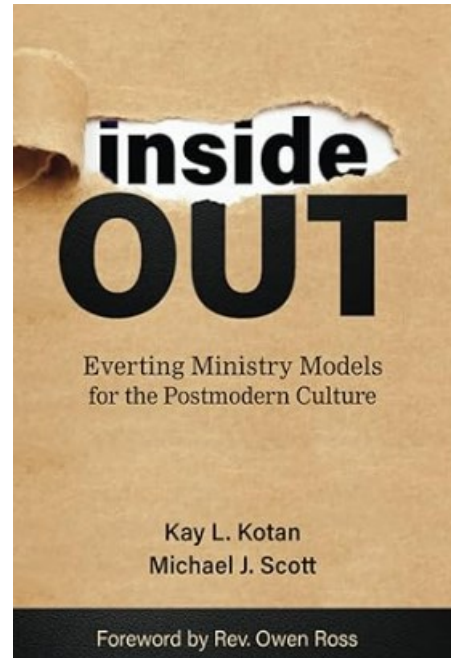
Once again, our own Doug Wingert has a devotional published!

## INSIDE OUT: CHAPTER 2 BY LAURIE CAMPBELL

Chapter 2 of the book *Inside Out* is titled “Moving Away from Building-Centric”. What does that mean? The chapter highlights the tendencies of churches to do most everything within its walls—including worship, Bible studies, education and Sunday School classes, committee meetings, and even collecting items for food and clothing drives. The underlying assumption being that people should be and will be drawn to the church (that is, the church building) instead of the church (that is, the people of the church) going out into the community. The suggestion in the chapter is to move out from beyond our walls to meet people “where they are doing life”.

The chapter points to how and where Jesus conducted his ministry. Instead of hanging around the temple waiting for people to come to him, Jesus ministered to people in their homes, at a well, at a pool, on hillsides, and in the streets. Methodism’s own John Wesley preached outside and rode thousands of miles on horseback to share his message with people, where they were living and working.

Moving outside of a church’s walls includes moving virtually and physically outside those walls. Virtually, churches need to develop a robust online ministry. The chapter quotes several statistics that indicate that many people prefer online services to in-person services. But livestreaming services is not enough. A full (continued on page 10)

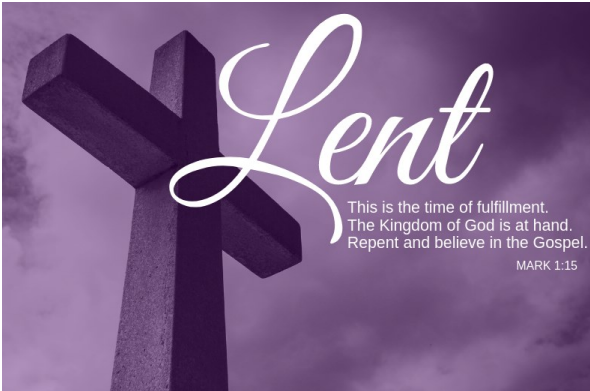


## MISSIONS (CONTINUED FROM PG. 2)

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Making** – Our volunteers love this outreach. This is an opportunity to sit, chat, and fellowship with others while making more than 1,000 pb&j sandwiches in just a few hours. Back in December, we delivered sandwiches to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. The sandwiches are then added to sack lunches for those living with hunger. Our committee will begin to line up donations of 100 loaves of bread and plan for another sandwich making “marathon” in March. Stand by for our next sandwich making date.

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

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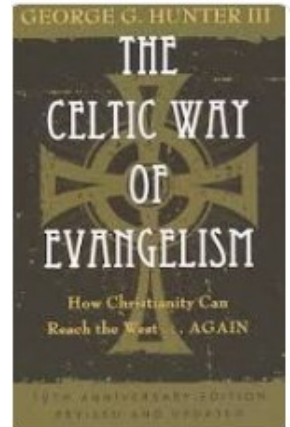


### Lent

The season of Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year with Ash Wednesday. We will have a simple offering of the imposition of ashes on that Wednesday between noon and 1 p.m. The time is offered as a drop in situation. You may come any time it is convenient for you during that hour.

For Lenten worship, I decided to go back and look at a book I read a while ago. The book is *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* by George G. Hunter III. I thought of this book because it has some affinity with the work we have been doing with Paul Nixon and some of the recommendations he gave to us in his report. One of these is the work the Hub Committee is doing on working on reconnecting with our neighbors (those who live nearby, work nearby, play nearby, etc.).

Hunter's book, in general is about the way evangelism, or sharing the Good News, was done in Ireland as opposed to many other areas. One of the differences was that it focused on relationship building as primary. This connects to the chapter I mentioned above from *Inside Out* about becoming emotionally and culturally competent. I hope the sermon series will not only help us learn a little about Christian history but give us some inspiration about how to connect to those around us.



—Pastor Mike

Catalina UMC church office is open M-Th, 10am—3pm.

We're here to help in any way we can, and it's always nice to have visitors!

## HAPPY 2024 FROM DAY SCHOOL

We kicked off our school year in August in the middle of renovations of our school; we received a grant from LISC for \$125K towards infrastructure. We were able to upgrade the flooring in the entire school from tile to floating wood paneled floors, each classroom and office space was able to select their choice of paint for their walls. Classrooms with sinks in their classroom received new stainless-steel sinks with high faucet and attached hose. Even our kitchen got an updated paint job on its walls. Renovations were completed at the end of September, and we had an Open House in late October to showcase all our new renovations.



We lost two long time teachers last year suddenly; both will dearly be missed. Ms. Maria, our twos teacher that we lost to pancreatic cancer; now has a memorial bench placed in front of the Day School in her honor. We are working on a memorial for Ms. Carolina (2's teacher and floater); both teachers dedicated their love and time to caring for our children.

In October, we celebrated National Pumpkin Day on October 26<sup>th</sup> where we created a mural from rolling pumpkins in paint across a paint canvas and our mural was displayed in Office. We also had our Halloween Parade in the Trike Yard; all our parents came out to see our students and some parents passed out candy. Our 3's and Pre-K walked over to Trick-or-Treat at the Library and each child received a new book from the Library.



In November, we had our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Friendsgiving on November 15<sup>th</sup> in our Trike Yard – parents brought in main dishes like ham, turkey and chicken, side dishes, desserts, and drinks. Parents sat together and shared a meal together and conversations. (continued on pg. 7)

Are you receiving our weekly E-news- [Catalina Cares](#)? If not, you may sign up for it by filling out the "Contact Us" form on our website and requesting your email be added to our mailing list. The latest news will appear in your in-box (or look for it in your "junk mail") every Thursday! Or—just call the office @ 520-327-4296 and we'll add your email address for you.

## FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES FROM THE MULTI-CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Cord Jefferson, who grew up in Tucson and is a Canyon Del Oro High School grad, wrote and directed the Oscar-nominated movie, *American Fiction* (as reported in the Daily Star). Its five Oscar nods include “Best Adapted Screenplay.” Jefferson, who is 41, worked as a journalist and editor after college, then began writing for TV in 2015, earning a Primetime Emmy in 2019. (Incidentally, the film includes a number of references to Tucson, including local bands of his youth.)



Mr. Jefferson’s achievements exemplify the theme of this year’s Black History Month, “African Americans and the Arts.” They are but one illustration of the impact that Black individuals have on our history and culture. This month should bring our focus to other such individuals and what their accomplishments should mean to

us. More broadly, the month aims to serve as a platform for learning about, reflecting on and celebrating the heritage, accomplishments and experiences of Black Americans. We hope you will take the time to explore those things.

The United Nations established February 20<sup>th</sup> in 2007 as World Day of Social Justice, recognizing the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, and social protections. (continued on pg. 7)

**LOOKING FOR THE MONTHLY BIBLE VERSES?** Pastor Mike refers to the Vanderbilt University Revised Common Lectionary which you can access on line at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> If you would like a copy in print, let the office know and we will mail it to you.



## DAY SCHOOL (CONTINUED FROM PG. 5)

December, we had Santa visit our kids and he handed out candy canes to all the children. Each child got to take a picture with Santa. We also had our Annual Christmas Program and Silent Auction event – parents, family and friends were invited to come and see each classroom perform two Christmas songs along with our extra-curriculum program Webby Dance dancers perform. Our Silent Auction with donations from parents, we were able to raise \$1225.



We look forward to 2024 being an awesome year with our Day School families.

## FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES FROM THE MULTI-CULTURAL COMMITTEE (CONTINUED FROM PG. 6)



**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
FEBRUARY 20

While primarily focused on governmental and agency roles and activities, it should also remind us of the needs our own communities should be trying to address more locally.

**“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest.”**

**— Nelson Mandela**

## YOUR NEW CHURCH LEADERS 2024

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HUBS: Contemporary Worship Task Group, Multi-Cultural Growth Team, Relationship Building Team

## YOUR CHURCH NEEDS A BIT OF YOUR TIME!



We need individuals to serve Catalina as ushers, communion servers, Liturgists, Sunday technology service and so much more! No matter where your interests lie, there's a place for you here at Catalina!

This work can be even one day per month! If you would like to learn more about these opportunities or to sign up, please contact our volunteer coordinator  
[Sherry.Hoskinson@gmail.com](mailto:Sherry.Hoskinson@gmail.com); phone # 520-307-2470



## FREE SCREENING OF “GOSPEL” ON PBS



### Free Screening Event

## GOSPEL



**Sunday, Feb 4 at 4PM  
ENR2 Building Room 120**



Scan the QR code to register  
for this special screening event.

Followed by a live panel  
discussion featuring a live  
Gospel choir performance.



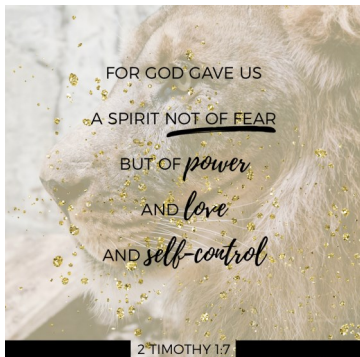
AZPM would like to invite you to join us for a free screening event of the upcoming documentary, **Gospel**. **GOSPEL is a new four-part series from PBS hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.** that explores the rich history of Black spirituality through sermon and song.

This special preview will feature 22 minutes of curated excerpts followed by a panel discussion/Q&A session and an inspiring performance by the choir from the Greater Emmanuel Grace Apostolic Church.

This event will be held at the **Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building** Rm #120 on the University of Arizona campus. Free parking available in the 6th St. garage

The full 4 hour event airing of [Gospel](#) will premiere on AZPM PBS on February 12 & 13.

— *Tina Guerchon, Community Events  
Coordinator, AZPM PBS*



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## INSIDE OUT: CHAPTER 2 (CONTINUED FROM PG 3)

online ministry needs to include “worship, hospitality, connection, discipleship for all ages, service, prayer, generosity, and leadership”.

The chapter points out that Gen Zs (people born between 1997 and 2012) are now the largest population and they, combined with Millennials, make up more than half the population. Both generations socialize on and get their information from online platforms.

To physically move outside of a church’s walls, churches need to get out into their communities to build relationships and understand the needs of the community. The chapter ends with a story about a church that teamed up with a

school district to deliver meals to food-insecure families. The initiative grew into a much larger program that serves a large homeless population. The program hosts “block parties” where they cook and distribute food and provide an opportunity for people to “shop” for socks, underwear, coats, and gloves. When asked one day what he was doing, the pastor leading the program replied, “We are eating and shopping with our friends today.”

Catalina has a beautiful facility and grounds. We livestream our services and do some wonderful mission projects outside of our walls, but much of what we do still happens within



those walls. It’s time to step out and take our message to our neighbors “where they are already doing life”. Catalina’s Hub Team, formed as a result of our work with Paul Nixon, is reaching out to our neighbors to begin developing relationships with them. We want to grow into being a church that has our community at its heart. In the coming months, the Hub Team will share information on how you can be involved in building community with our neighbors. In the

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CUMC

**SEEKERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sundays at 8:45-9:45am, Room H-230—A desire to enrich your understanding and faith is the only requirement. Join us for a variety of video-based lessons led by volunteer teachers from the class.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We are a diverse, loving group of women of all ages who just want to know more about the Bible and walk deeper in our journey with God. Our next study begins January 10 through February 28. It is Luke, Gut-level Compassion by Lisa Harper. You can purchase the book on Amazon or Christianbook.com. We meet in room H230 every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend! For more information, contact Brenda Halferty at 520-481-6993 or [bjhalferty@gmail.com](mailto:bjhalferty@gmail.com).

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We meet weekly on Wednesday mornings in Room E23 at 6:45 am. For those whose schedules allow, we plan on going to breakfast at 8:00 am following Bible Study.

**KOINONIA CLASS FOR ADULTS:** We meet Sunday, 10 at 9:00 in Room E23. Each week the group reads a chapter of a lively and thought-provoking book and builds relationships with other adults of all ages. Taught by Rev. Dr. Kirk Reed. Everyone is welcome! **NEW BOOK:** Celebration of Discipline



CATALINA UMC  
**Together Tuesday**  
**JONAH AND THE WHALE**  
Join us for a child centered worship

- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Bible story
- ✓ Craft
- ✓ Songs

**FEB 6 5:30-6:30**  
A fun night for the whole family

### TOGETHER TUESDAYS:

Feb 6th, 5:30-6:30,  
Fellowship Hall Join us  
for a child centered  
worship titled Jonah  
and the Whale.

### CATALINA BREAKFAST

**CLUB:** Feb. 10th, 9-  
10am, Fellowship  
Hall Our next breakfast  
speaker will be  
motivational speaker  
Jessica Cox--the first



Catalina Breakfast Club  
Saturday, February 10, 2024  
Fellowship Hall  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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## PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR...

...Marvin Blough is now in Brookdale North Tucson, 2650 W Ina Rd, Room 801 and would love your prayers and visitors! He would also like phone calls at 520-482-7899.

...the family and friends of Carolyn Kobe who passed away on January 18.

...Jerry Parker

...Bob Kuhn in the hospital

...Howard Steele and family mourning the loss of his wife Marilyn. To view her obit, [click here](#).

...for Catalina UMC as we begin the process to bring about change and growth in our ministry.

...our churches: Christ Church UMC, Tucson; Community UMC, Bowie; Duncan UMC

...an end to war, violence and suffering for all peoples in conflict.

**“How lucky I am  
to have something  
that makes saying  
goodbye so hard.”**

—A.A. MILNE, WINNIE THE POOH

We need all the prayer that we can get...During any time of uncertainty, if you have a prayer need that you would like lifted up to the congregation on this page, please send your request to [matt@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:matt@catalinamethodist.org) or just [click here](#).

## PRAYER & CARE



CUMC has an active prayer chain called Prayer Partners. If you would like them to be in prayer for you or someone you know, you can email your request to [kdkcck@hotmail.com](mailto:kdkcck@hotmail.com). You can also send prayer requests directly to CUMC by [clicking here](#).

We're excited to worship with you! Join us every Sunday at 10:00am for service in the Sanctuary. If you would like to join us via livestream, visit [www.catalinamethodist.org](http://www.catalinamethodist.org)

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To submit articles to the newsletter please contact Susan O'Brien at [office@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:office@catalinamethodist.org) Deadline to submit is the 20th of each month.