

CATALINA MONTHLY NEWS

Making space for all God's children • Serving our neighbors •

Celebrating life in Christ together • Encouraging one another • Nurturing spirituality

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CELEBRATE THE GREATEST GIFT!

Amid the hustle and bustle this holiday season, we hope you will join us as we set aside time to enjoy our greatest Christmas Gift: **God's love for us all!**

As we gather with friends and family, we encourage you to gather in worship, music and candlelight at Catalina to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Join us as we spread the Good News of His love and rejoice in His presence among us.

Christmas Concert

Dec 8: 4pm: Christmas Around the World

Family Service

Dec 24: 6pm - Carols, Candlelighting, hot chocolate & cookies

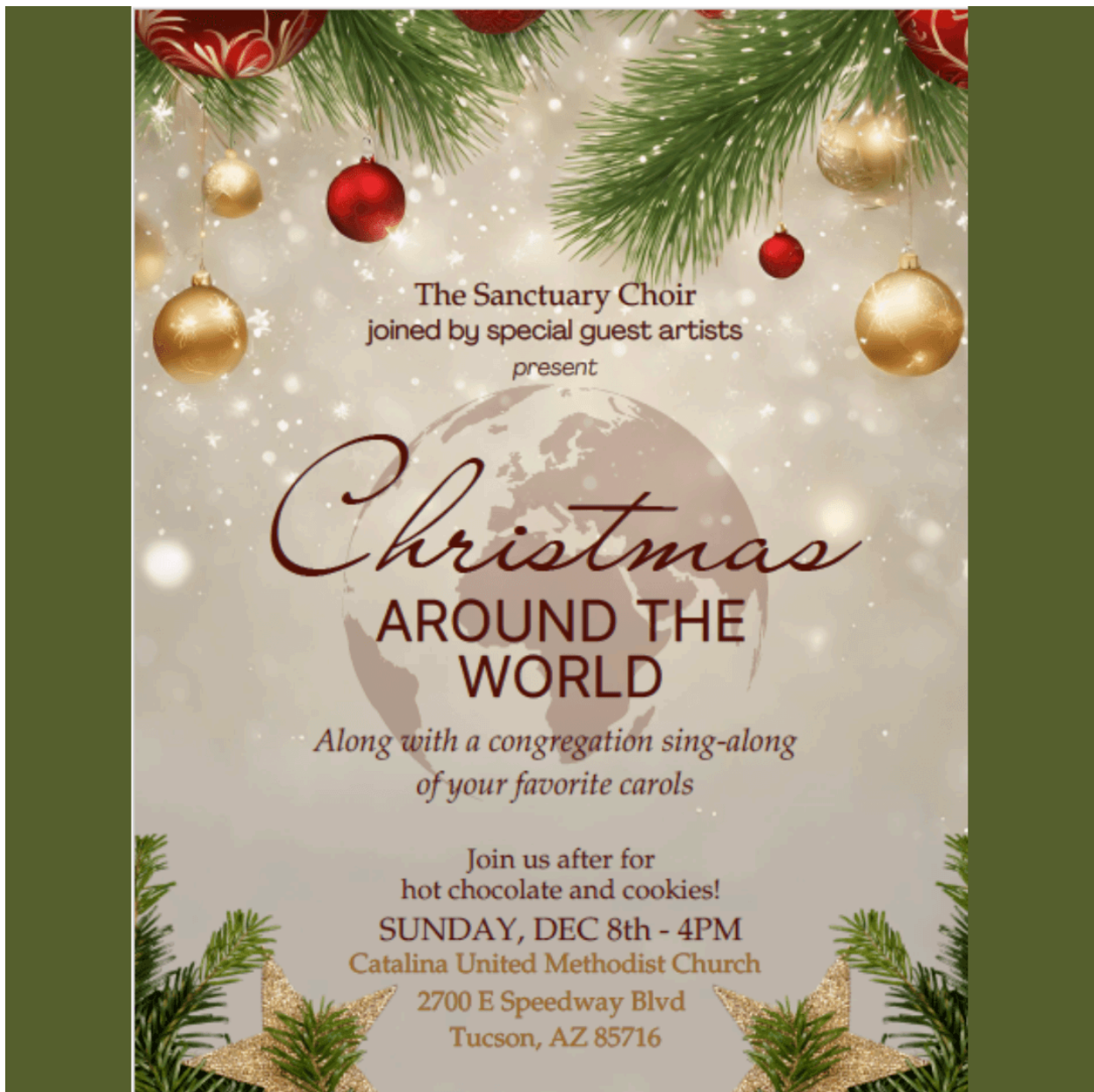
Traditional Service

Dec 24: 8pm - The Sanctuary Choir & Candlelighting

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

Click below for Pastor Mike's article...

[Read the article](#)

MISSIONS UPDATE from Doug
Wingert, Chair



[Click Here](#) to read Doug's update on the many outreach programs for our Missions volunteers!

DECEMBER
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MONTH



A REFLECTION FOR DECEMBER
by Paul Newhouse,
Multicultural Growth Committee
Chair

To read Paul's reflection, [Click Here](#).

CUMC DAY SCHOOL SILENT
AUCTION FUNDRAISER - DEC 12

We are collecting donations for themed gift baskets to be auctioned during the Christmas Program (December 12th). Choose a basket theme to contribute items or create your own!

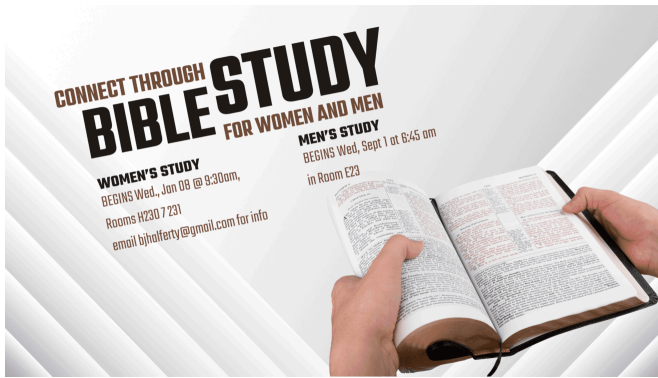
Donation are due to the school by



December 6th. For questions or to arrange a donation, contact Larissa Joshua at Larissa.Marshel@gmail.com or call 520-406-8528.

Thank you for supporting our school community!

[View the List](#)



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Women's Bible Study: We will begin our new study next year on Wednesday, January 8th. It is entitled *Abide*, a study of John, 2, and 3, by Jen Wilkin. It will run for 10 weeks through March 12. We will meet in Room H230 from 9:30-11:30. We hope to see you there, and bring a friend. RSVP to Brenda Halferty at bjhalferty@gmail.com or 520-481-6993/

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:45am
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.

ANGEL TREE UPDATE by Judy Wingert

[Click Here](#) to read Judy Wingert's update on this year's Angel Tree with deadlines.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE DAY SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Don't miss this! Thursday, Dec 12 is the Day School's Annual Christmas Program and Silent Auction in the Sanctuary!

KOINONIA CLASS WELCOMES ALL ADULTS

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9am in Room E-23. We are led by Rev. Dr., Kirk



Reed. On Dec 1: "Homosexuality at the Center;" Dec 08 "The Questions of War;" Dec 15 "Presidential Elections" and "A Worthy Vision for America;" Dec 22 "The Radical Center."



AZ 3-DAY ACADEMY FOR
SPIRITUAL FORMATION APRIL
22-25, 2025

"Singing the Ear's Song: Lament,
Praise, Prayer" is the theme for the 2025
Academy. For more information and to
register, [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark your calendar for
these upcoming events:**



Catalina Breakfast Forum: First Saturday of the month @ 9am in Fellowship Hall

Our speaker for Saturday, Dec 07 is Rex Scott, Pima County Supervisor, District 1. His topic: "Responsibilities and Challenges." Breakfast is \$4 per person at the door. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare! RSVP to volunteer@catalinamethodist.org or call 520-327-4296 during office hours

Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec 08 @4pm in the Sanctuary

It's "Christmas Around the World" with The Sanctuary Choir and guest musicians directed by Mariana Mevans Vidal. Bring your family, friends and colleagues to kick-off the season with this festive concert!

Family Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, Dec 24 @ 6pm in the Sanctuary

Traditional Christmas Candlelight Service, Tuesday, Dec 24 @ 8pm in the Sanctuary



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR :

...Jerry Pelikaan recovering from injuries incurred while involved in an accident riding his scooter.

...Chaplains & Counselors in the South District, TMM Family Services, The UMC and UM Fellowship

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

Also of Note:

www.UMC.ORG/EN

Want to know more about the United Methodist Church? You'll find it on the website link shown above. Take a look. You'll be surprised!

Catalina Cares - E-news Weekly

Are you on the email list? If not, [click here](#) and fill out the form. We'll add you to the list and you can stay "In the Know!" every Thursday afternoon!

Monthly Bible Verses

You can find them at the [Vanderbilt Lectionary Library](#)
If you would like a copy in print, please contact the office.

CATALINA LOVES MUSIC

If you love music too, consider joining our Sanctuary Choir which rehearses Thursdays @ 7pm in the Choir Room, or if you can read music, join our bell ringers on Thursdays @ 5:30pm.

UPPER ROOM ON LINE

If you love the Upper Room daily devotionals in print, you're going to love them on-line! Just go to:
<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday-Thursday, 10am to 3pm.
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