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# 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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JEREMIAH 31:3

**THE LORD APPEARED TO US IN  
THE PAST, SAYING: "I HAVE  
LOVED YOU WITH AN  
EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE  
DRAWN YOU WITH UNFAILING  
KINDNESS."**

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

*Click below for Pastor Mike's article...*

[Read the article](#)

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MISSIONS UPDATE from Doug  
Wingert, Chair



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

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**LOTSAPASTA**  
February 1-28, 2025

Help ICS food banks collect:

- 5,000 packages of pasta
- 5,000 cans of pasta sauce (no glass, please)
- 5,000 boxes of macaroni and cheese

**C'mon Catalina!**  
**Let's show 'em our stuff!**  
**Drop Donations in the box in the narthex!**

[icstucson.org/lotsapasta](http://icstucson.org/lotsapasta)

**ICS**  
INTERFAITH  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

The poster features a background of golden wheat stalks. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the URL "icstucson.org/lotsapasta" and the ICS logo, which consists of the letters "ICS" in a large, bold font above the words "INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES" in a smaller font.

#### CUMC MISSIONS OUTREACH

Join us as we collect boxes of pasta, cans of pasta sauce and boxes of macaroni and cheese (please no glass jars) for the Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Banks. At its inception in 1985, ICS served several hundred people a year. Since then, community needs have grown profoundly, and ICS has expanded staff, volunteers, and services to meet increasing needs. **ICS now serves more than 60,000 people each year.** Bring your donations to the specially marked bins in the narthex and welcome area on Sundays.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE from  
Toni Smith, Deaconess  
Candidate & Chair of  
Congregational Care Ministries

[Click Here](#) to read Toni's update on her visits to homebound members and the recent activities of the Congregational Care Team.

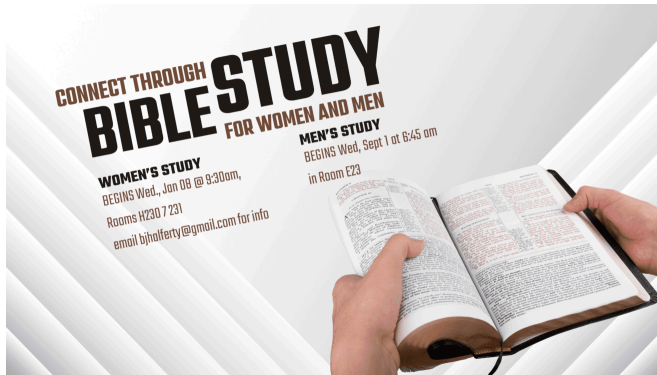


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#### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**Women's Bible Study:** We began our new study 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](mailto: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.



MULTICULTURAL GROWTH  
COMMITTEE by Kent Batty

To read the February Observances [Click Here](#).

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KOINONIA CLASS WELCOMES  
ALL ADULTS



The Koinonia Class began a new study on Sunday morning, Jan 26 at 9:00 am in Room E23: "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Lively learning and real relationships make this group ideal for adults of all ages. Books are available at a reduced cost. February Schedule: Chapters 3-7. [Click Here](#) for a complete schedule thru May. Contact Rev. Dr. Kirk Reed [wkirkreed@gmail.com](mailto:wkirkreed@gmail.com) for more info.

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STUDENTS FROM BLENMAN ELM  
SEND "THANK YOU" NOTES

Students from Blenman Elementary school sent "Thank You" notes for the Fry's food gift cards that our church provided before Christmas. Their notes and pictures are on a poster board in the church Fellowship area. Take a moment and see the students' creative work!

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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](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

# Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:



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

Saturday, Feb 01: Topic “Pima County Sheriff Auxiliary Volunteers.” Featured Speaker: Alejandro Apalategui, Recruiting Director, PCSD. Breakfast is \$4 per person at the door. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare! Email [volunteer@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:volunteer@catalinamethodist.org) or call 520-327-4296 during office hours.

### Learn about the Israel/Palestine and the War in Gaza

Catalina's Multicultural Committee invites you to join St. Mark's UMC for an informative session titled “An Introduction to the Historical Background of Israel/Palestine and the War in Gaza,” presented by Sean Tomlinson. **Sunday, February 2, 2025, 3:00 PM, St. Mark's UMC**, 1431 W Magee Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704 This session offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the historical and cultural context of the Israel-Palestine region. For more information, please contact Rev. Deborah Christine at [deborah@umcstmarks.org](mailto:deborah@umcstmarks.org). We hope you'll join us for this important conversation!

### Tuesdays Together: Second Tuesday of each month @5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, Feb 11, 2024, 5:30-6pm in Fellowship Hall. Fun for families with children 7 and under – dinner, songs, bible story, crafts and more!

**Catalina Organ Festival**  
Alcé Chris III, University Organist  
Wesleyan University  
Trinity Wall Street, Associate Organist  
New York  
**Friday, February 21, 2025 at 7pm**  
Tickets: \$30  
Seniors: \$25  
Students with ID: \$10  
Children under 12: Free  
**10<sup>th</sup> SEASON OF EXCELLENCE**  
Catalina United Methodist Church  
2700 East Speedway Boulevard  
Tucson, Arizona 85716  
(520) 327-4296  
[www.catalinamethodist.org/organ-festival/](http://www.catalinamethodist.org/organ-festival/)

**Catalina Breakfast Forum**  
Saturday **01**  
February  
Fellowship Hall  
9-10am  
**“Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers”**  
Alejandro Apalategui,  
Recruiting Director, PCSD, will  
be featured at this month's  
breakfast.  
\$4/person at the door  
Please RSVP to 520-327-4296.

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**TOGETHER TUESDAY**  
A TIME FOR FAMILIES TO SPEND TOGETHER  
A PROVIDED DINNER, BIBLE STORY, SONGS  
AND CRAFTS  
THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
5:30-6:30  
ENTER OFF FIRST ST  
JANUARY 14  
FEBRUARY 11  
MARCH 11  
APRIL 8  
MAY 13

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR :



...the family and friends of Diane Humphreys who passed in December.  
...the family and friends of Walter Seagrave who passed on 01.26.25.  
...Christ Church UM, Tucson; Bowie UMC Start, Bowie; Duncan UMC, Duncan; South District Fresh Expressions  
...all people suffering from fires, flood and freezing temperatures.  
...An end to war, violence and suffering for all peoples in conflict.

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## Also of Note:

[www.UMC.ORG/EN](http://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. [Marian@catalinamethodist.org](mailto:Marian@catalinamethodist.org) for more info.

**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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Phone: 520-327-4296

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