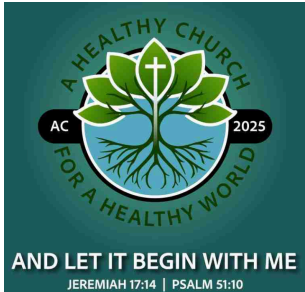


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Making space for all God's children • Serving our neighbors •

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

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Desert Southwest Annual Conference: June 12-15

This year's conference is being held at the Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information about the conference and to register, [click here.](#)

Our church is joining others across the Conference to support food pantries in Nevada. More than 47 million people in the U.S. face hunger. Your support can make a real difference. To donate, please scan the QR code to the right.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

[Click Here](#) to read Pastor Mike's article



An Easter Story: Hope, Surprise, and the Gift of Community

Reflections from Our Lenten Queer Bible Study

Read Pastor Kelli's reflections from the Lenten Queer Bible Study she held at Catalina this year: [Click Here](#)

MISSIONS UPDATE from Doug
Wingert, Chair



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



Photos above from last Saturday's Casa Maria Soup Kitchen outreach.



CONGRATS BLENMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Blenman was honored to receive recognition as a National Model PLC (Professional Learning Community) at Work School. This is a great accomplishment, as Blenman is the first, and only school in Tucson to receive this award. A Model PLC at Work School is committed to the process as a professional learning community where our teachers collaborate in a continued

cycle of inquiry and learning, collecting and analyzing data, and increasing student achievement. We have continued to show growth in our student learning after COVID, and we have maintained our B letter grade! Blenman will be recognized at the upcoming TUSD Governing Board meeting on April 29th.

Catalina United Methodist church will recognize the teachers and staff with an appreciation breakfast on May 5th. If you would like to contribute pastries, breads, fruit or juice, contact Deborah Williams at rlwdn@cox.net. Thank you!

CUMC DAY SCHOOL REPORT from Carolyn Lovell, Executive Director

Sign-up begins for "Camp Catalina" Day
School summer session. Email
Carolyn@catalinamethodist.org.

[Click Here](#) to read Carolyn's April Highlights
report to Church Council.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT FROM TONI SMITH

April was a busy month of calls, cards, visitations, and prayers to our wonderful homebound community.

Delia Ramirez had a knee replacement procedure and is recovering at home, along with her continuous physical therapy, which will last for a while. Weekly calls continue to be made to check up on her condition and needs. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Martha Adair greeted us with a smile and pleasantries, for she is always ready to see us and to receive her sacraments.

When the occasion arises, the congregational care team mails out birthday, sympathy, and anniversary cards. Everyone loves to get a handwritten card in the mail, don't we?

The Stephen Ministry continues to care for its recipients as needed by offering a listening ear, love, and kindness, and ensuring their needs are met.

Catalina UMC is so blessed to have our people care for those in need!

Watch Toni's consecration as a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church; live on Saturday, May 03 at 1pm Arizona time by clicking on one of these links:

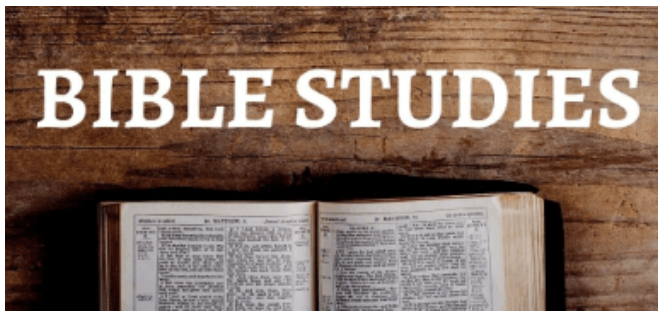
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dp0qlu7yeg>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1171038127569326>

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. [Click Here](#) for a complete schedule thru May. Contact Rev. Dr. Kirk Reed wkirkreed@gmail.com for more info.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Women's Bible Study:

Our spring study is *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado. We began on Wednesday, April 16, and end May 21st. We meet at 9:30 - 11:30 in Room H230. Please join us. We are eager to welcome new members. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:



Together Tuesdays: Tuesday, May 13, 5:30-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

An hour of fun in Fellowship Hall for families with children under 8 years old includes light meal, singing, crafts and a Bible theme each month.

Charge Conference: Sunday, May 18, 11:30am, Room E-18

There will be a Charge Conference during our scheduled Church Council meeting on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 11:30 in room E-18. For the Charge Conference, we will discuss the future administration of the Catalina UMC Foundation including the possible adoption of a Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Ministry Committee.

"How to Fight Racism" Sneak Peek: May 25, 9am in E23


Come to our sneak preview for this 4-week seminar which will begin Sunday, September 7. We'll help each other make racial justice real (not just words. Pastor Kelli and Rev. Kirk Reed will facilitate.

Join us this summer...
IN FROM THE HEAT



Dr. William Kuhlman
SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall
followed by an organ recital in the Sanctuary
Lunch & Concert: \$20 per person / \$30 for two

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Sophie Martinez
SATURDAY, JULY 15
Lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall
followed by an organ recital in the Sanctuary
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Vacation Bible School

JULY 14-18
8 AM-12 PM
4 YRS OLD TO 10 YRS OLD

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RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD AND
JESUS**





PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

...the friends and family of Mary Sue Gibson who passed early last month.

...Martha Adair who is experiencing health problems.

...Grace UMC, Douglas; Sierra Vista UMC, Sierra Vista; Camping Program, South District.

...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. Mariana@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>

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