

THE CATALINA NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CATALINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are blessed to share a newly designed edition of our church newsletter with you.

This publication aims to keep our congregation informed about parish life, spiritual growth opportunities, and ways to serve.

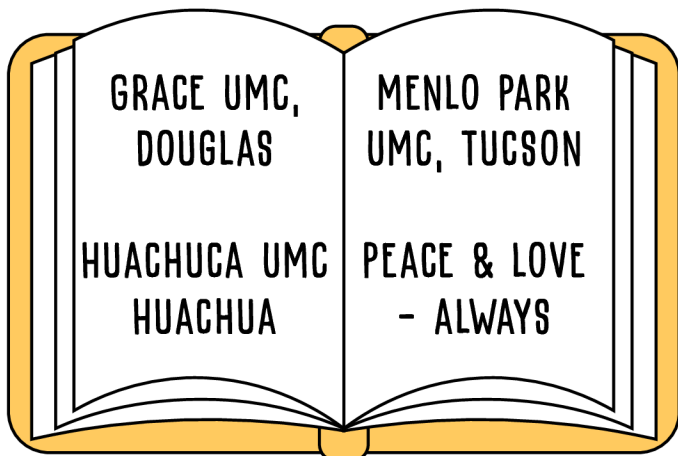
Inside you will find updates on ministry programs, volunteer opportunities, and important announcements from church leadership.

Welcome to the May edition of The Catalina Newsletter! As we enter this season of renewal and hope, we are reminded of God's endless grace and the strength of our church family.

This newsletter serves as your guide to upcoming services, community outreach programs, and fellowship opportunities. Stay connected with your parish community.



PRAYER PARTNERS



OPEN TABLE

May 20 | 5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a "dinner-church" gathering with casual worship, Communion, and guided conversation.



SCAN ME



Please RSVP by Sunday, May 17, using the link or scanning the QR Code to help plan for food & seating. All are welcome!

DEATH NOTICE

Long time former Senior Pastor

Reverend Stanley C. Brown

passed away April 14.

He was 98.

He served Catalina from 1971-1991 and was well loved.

His beloved wife, Ruthie passed away on March 28, 2025.

Condolences:

Cathryn Taylor
8094 E Prescott Rd
Prescott Valley, AZ
86324

Memorial gifts:

Prescott UMC
505 W Gurley St.
Prescott, AZ
86301



PASTOR'S CORNER

By: Rev. Mike Kerr-Osman

On April 12th, we recognized the new Leadership Board members with a small ceremony in the worship service. In case you were not there that Sunday, I thought I would provide a little information about these new leaders. The Leadership Board has nine members who will serve one to three years on this beginning board. The members are as follows:

Class of 2026:
Scott Campbell, Bob Golden,
Jeanne Manning

Class of 2027:
Kent Batty, Anthony Lovio,
Blythe Strong

Class of 2028:
Jim Caldwell, Vicki Hadd-Wissler,
Gretchen Lopez

At the end of each year (or class), the church's nominating committee, chaired by the Senior Pastor, will interview and select three new members to replace the class going off the board. Each new class will serve a three-year term.

We have also created a new email address for the chair of the Leadership Board. This year, our chair is Scott Campbell and can be contacted about board business. In the upcoming months, the board will be working on updating our church's policies and procedures, setting a strategic direction, and working on Catalina's mission, vision, and values.

I invite all of us to pray for our Leadership Board. Their first year contains extra work as we reorganize around this new leadership structure.

Also, as a short preview, I will be working on creating some new structures as well for our program teams (worship, education, mission, congregational care, etc.) so that we can continue to plan ministry and mission together. Once I have those details worked out, I will share further information.

Thank you all for your support in this new endeavor. I look forward to the way it will help us to be in mission and ministry together in a world in which change comes quickly by helping our church to be more nimble and adaptable.

Contact the Leadership Board at
leadershipboard@catalinamethodist.org

Farewell
—PARTY—

Join us as we
say goodbye &
celebrate

Pastor Kelli

Sunday, May 31st

Fellowship Hall
following the 10 am service



FROM THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

Leadership Board Chair**- Scott Campbell**

It's a privilege to step into the role of Board Chair during this important moment of transition for our Church Leadership. As we move forward, our focus will be on implementation—ensuring that the great ideas, plans, and commitments we've made during our Simple Accountable Structure Discernment phase translates into consistent action and measurable results.

We began this year with a strong foundation. In January, we held our Leadership Board retreat, which helped us clarify our priorities and focus our actions for the year ahead. At our first official Leadership Board meeting in April, we adopted our Leadership Board Covenant, affirming how we will work together in trust, accountability, and shared purpose. We also established Office 365 for the Board, including a dedicated email for the Chair and a shared OneDrive where all Board documents will be stored for easy access and continuity.

A key priority this year will be a thorough review of our policies and procedures.

This work isn't just administrative; it's foundational. Clear, current, and aligned structures will allow us to operate with greater efficiency, accountability, and confidence as we pursue our mission. This work is already underway as we focus on the financial policies and procedures first. At the same time, we are actively preparing for our upcoming Board visioning workshop in the 3rd quarter, which will give us the opportunity to discern together where God is leading us and how we can faithfully respond.

Just as important, the Board is committed to keeping the congregation informed on a regular basis. You will receive ongoing updates about our progress—what we are working on, what decisions are being made, and how these efforts support the long-term health and vitality of our church. Transparency and communication will be central to how we lead.

I'm grateful for the trust placed in this Leadership Board and excited to work alongside each of you as we build on our strengths, deepen our shared vision, and move boldly into the next chapter of our ministry together.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

SNACK PACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Catalina continues to offer snacks and bottled water to our homeless, hungry neighbors. Prior contributions for this outreach have been exhausted. We are now partially funding this important mission effort through generous donations to supplement our budget.

Church & Society
by Doug Wingert



We work to assist the “poorest of the poor” in our community. The need is great, but the volunteers are few.

CASA MARIA SOUP KITCHEN –

We still have MANY Saturday morning dates assigned to Catalina in 2026. Casa Maria has lost many volunteers in recent years, so Catalina has stepped up and taken on more monthly dates in 2026. Early on Saturday mornings, we cook and share our amazing chicken vegetable soup with more than 350 neighbors living with homelessness and hunger. We now need volunteers for June 20th and monthly dates thereafter. We meet at Casa Maria at 6:30 am (or at least no later than 7:00 am), and the work involves standing, cooking, and serving our excellent soup in a very small kitchen for about four hours. We’re typically finished by 10:30 am. Interested? Please contact Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com.

Primavera Men’s Shelter - Our April 25th volunteers cooked and served our five-course dinner to about 50 men at the shelter. Back in March, we had a little issue with a broken oven at the Primavera Shelter, but we just took the groceries back to the church and prepared the meals in our own kitchen; then transported the hot food across town and served the Primavera residents on time. The oven is now repaired, and the April outreach went smoothly. As usual, the residents and staff were very appreciative. A big thank you to all our Primavera volunteers, many who serve this mission outreach multiple times throughout the year. We could still use several more volunteers for our cooking team on May 23rd and the 4th Saturdays of each month thereafter. If you are interested in standing and working in the Primavera kitchen for up to four hours on the 4th Saturdays of every month in 2026. Please contact Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com.



AN ANNOUNCEMENT

By Rev. Kelli Knight

Paige & Anthony got Married!!

Paige and Anthony Lovio tied the knot on Saturday, April 26 - what a joy!

Join us as we celebrate them with a cake reception after worship on Sunday, May 17 in the Welcome Center. Feel free to bring a card or gift, and most of all, come ready to share your love and well wishes. We’re so excited to celebrate this special couple together!



SAVE-THE-DATE

Bella's Gelato Fundraiser
Thursday, May 14th
2-6:30p.m.
2648 E Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ

Bring your family and enjoy a sweet treat while supporting Catalina! Mention Catalina Day School at checkout and 10% of purchase will support Catalina.



CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MAY 25TH

MEMORIAL DAY
 REMEMBER & HONOR



CATALINA UNITED METHODIST DAY SCHOOL

2026 SUMMER CAMP
 Where Summer Memories Are Made!

LIMITED SPOTS - REGISTER TODAY!

Activities

- Scavenger Hunts
- Arts & Crafts
- Body & Mind Games
- Water Play opportunity weekly
- Shaving Cream War
- Special Visitors From Children's & Desert Museum
- Visits to Himmel Park for obstacle course fun
- Two snacks and lunch included
- STEM Activities

STARTS MAY 26TH!

- Age: 6+ (Must Complete Kinder)
- 7am-5:45pm
- \$250/Week
- \$50 Weekly Deposit (Reserve Spots)


Why Families Love Catalina Camp:

- Safe, nurturing environment
- Small Groups
- Caring teachers
- Builds confidence + friendships
- Fun Learning everyday
- Trusted by families for 20 years +

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 (520) 327 - 4791

Email: Catalinadayschool@gmail.com



Sept 6 | 9 AM Room E23
 Kirk Reed - wkirkreed@gmail.com

Our Koinonia Class for adults is taking a summer break and will resume in September. We'll be reading and discussing *When Christians Get It Wrong*, Revised by Adam Hamilton. Books will be available in August at a discounted rate.

IMPORTANT DAYS OF MAY 2026

MAY 1 MAY DAY (INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY)
 May 1st.

MAY 5 CINCO DE MAYO
 May 5th.

MAY 10 MOTHER'S DAY
 Occurs on the second Sunday of May (May 10, 2026).

MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY
 A federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 25, 2026) to honor military personnel who died in service.




Jeffrey Campbell
 SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Kristin Holton Prouty
 SATURDAY, JULY 18

In From the Heat SUMMER CONCERTS

Lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall followed by an organ recital in the Sanctuary
 Lunch & Concert: \$20 per person / \$30 for two
www.catalinamethodist.org/organ-festival/
Catalina United Methodist Church



BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study:

Wednesdays @ 9:30, Room H230

You are invited to join this committed, welcoming group of women.

Contact Bjhalferty@gmail.com or 520-481-6993.

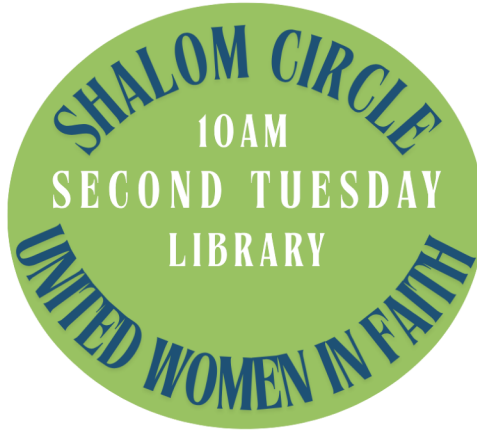
Men's Bible Study:

Wednesdays @ 6:45am, Room E23

Bible study, Brotherhood, and Breakfast!

We gather for breakfast at 8am after studying!

Join our Men's Bible Study each week.



SEEKERS
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Start your Sunday with inspiration!
 Seekers Adult Sunday School
 Every Sunday, 8:45-9:45 a.m. | Room H-230
 Come as you are—no experience needed.
 Grow in faith through engaging, video-based lessons led by friend



The month of May invites us to honor all the moms in our lives—and also those who have nurtured us in spirit. Many of the women we visit each month may not be our biological mothers, yet they have shaped us with their wisdom, grace, and steadfast love. Their stories continue to bless the next generation, and we are enriched each time we sit with them, listen, and share in prayer.

Our cherished home-bound congregants remain an important part of our Catalina family. Though they may not be physically present in worship, they are always present with us in spirit. Their faith, resilience, and continued connection to our church remind us that the body of Christ is never limited by walls or distance.

As we honor these mothers and mother-figures, we hold close the promise of scripture, which highlights the grace and wisdom of those who are visited.

Proverbs 31:26 "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Please keep the beloved homebound members of our congregation in your prayers, that they may feel surrounded by God's comfort, peace, and abiding love.

In Love, Justice, and Service,
 Deaconess Toni Smith

TEACHING
 IS A WORK OF HEART

A note from Blenman Elementary School for the teacher appreciation lunch on May 4th:

Thank you for the Eege's lunch & especially for the homemade cookies!
 From Martha, Judy & Jeanne

ART CAMP

JULY 6-10
 8AM-NOON
 AGES 4-12

Come explore bible stories through painting, beading, cooking and so much more!

QUESTIONS? PAIGE@CATALINAMETHODIST.ORG