



The Catalina News

The newsletter of Catalina United Methodist Church

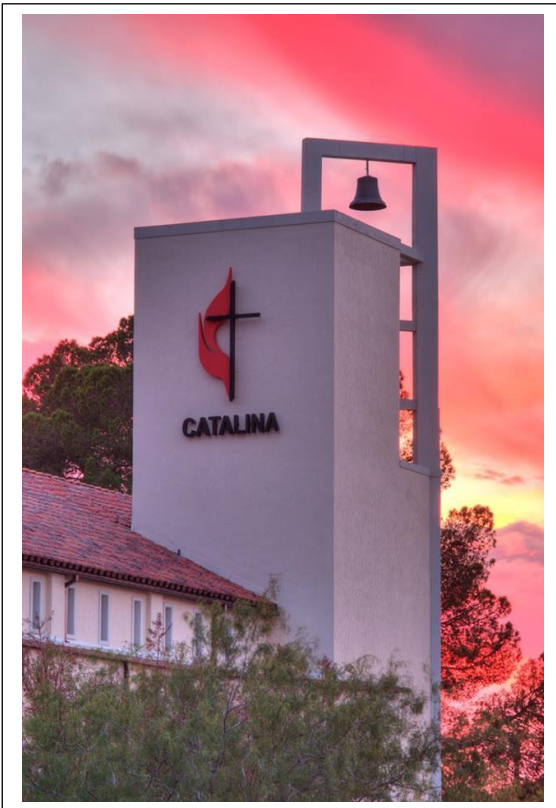


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Marjie's new phone extension:
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Deadline for the next newsletter is
Monday, Feb. 25, 2019.

Email to:
newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

You are welcome here!

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whatever your age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status, education, physical or mental ability, family structure, or religious background, you are welcome.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you are in need of a caring, confidential, Christian ear, call the church office at 520.327.4296

If you are on campus and need Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi Password



**Catalina UMC Guest
Pswd: 5203274296**

Every Sunday at Catalina

Worship in the Chapel

8:00 a.m.

Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m.
Contemporary
Worship

Sunday School

Sunday School at
10:10 for all ages

Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Traditional
Worship

Catalina Youth

Youth Group
4:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**CATALINA UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
2700 E. SPEEDWAY BLVD.
TUCSON, AZ 85716
OFFICE HOURS:
**8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. - CLOSED ON
FRIDAYS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Sunday School EVERY Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. with music and a great Bible lesson, prayer, and crafts in the classroom. Preschool to 8th grade in the Lower H building and E-19

- ✓ Clean PRESCRIPTION bottles ONLY are still being collected in the office. **(NO VITAMIN BOTTLES, PLEASE)**
- ✓ Creamy Peanut Butter Needed for Casa Maria Sandwiches. Creamy PB, and sandwich zipper bags donations can be brought to the office.

Every Wed. morning: 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study – E-18

Every Thursday night – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal. Music Room. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Ben Hansen at:
ben@catalinamethodist.org

Friday, Feb., 22, 2019 Family Zoo event.
Meet at the front Zoo entrance at 10 a.m. See article.

Sat., Feb. 23, 2019 - Market on The Move – see article

Sun., Feb. 24, 2019 – LGBTQ and the Church. 10:10 am H-232 – All Welcome- See article

Sun., Feb. 24, 2019 – Young Adult lunch.
Meet outside the Sanctuary at 12:15.

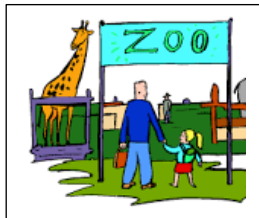
Tues. Feb. 26, 2019 – Shalom UMW
Circle: all women welcome. 7:00 p.m. E-23- Speaker: Debbie Williams on: *Special Needs Solutions*, Making custom products for People with Special Needs

Sat. March 2, 2019 – Men's breakfast – 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall – Speaker; Dr. Rickey Williams "The Art and Joy of Woodworking" see article.

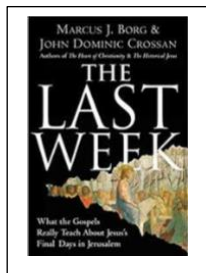


A NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There is a new Young Adult Sunday School Class available: If you are too old to classify yourself a teenager and yet too young to have gray hair, come and join us. If interested, please contact Taylor and Tommy Warren at 404.550.1969 or 706.351.9656



Zoo! All families are invited to join us at Reid Park Zoo on Friday, February 22nd (during Rodeo Break) for a Family Scavenger Hunt from 10 am-12 pm. We will meet at the Front Entrance. Please RSVP to Mary Beth Butler by Wednesday, February 20th (marybeth@catalinamethodist.org).



The authors of this book set about the retelling of the story that everyone thinks they know, the last week (Holy Week) of Jesus Christ. They retell the story through the Epistle of Mark, which is the earliest gospel written, forty years after the life of Jesus. Mark is also the one Apostle who went out of his way to chronicle this last week day by day. The reading of this book becomes a journey towards a new relationship with scripture and with how we see Christ. We will spend eight weeks together reviewing each chapter of the book. The books can be ordered through Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com. You can also make a request at your favorite book store. The book discussion will begin March 10 and end April 14, meeting in room E18, gathering at 12:15 and our hour long class will begin at 12:30. Come prepared March 24 having read the introduction and first chapter. Chips and cookies will be provided for the first class. Call or email me if you are interested in joining this book discussion, and remember to invite a friend!

Marjie Hrabec
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SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS – Feb. 17 – March 2, 2019
Taken from the Methodist Lectionary for Sunday, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24

Feb. 17 Jeremiah 17:5-7

Feb. 18 Jeremiah 17:8-10

Feb. 19 Psalm 1

Feb. 20 1 Corinthians 15:12-15

Feb. 21 1 Corinthians 15:16-20

Feb. 22 Luke 6:17-21

Feb. 23 Luke 6:22-26

Feb. 24 Genesis 45:3-6

Feb. 25 Genesis 45:7-11, 15

Feb. 26 Psalm 7:1-11, 39-40

Feb. 27 1 Corinthians 15:35-38

Feb. 28 1 Corinthians 15:42-50

March 1 Luke 6:27-34

March 2 Luke 6:35-38

Please remember these persons in your prayers

Prayer Requests - Patricia Tantillo, Betty Martin, Dominique Evans, Beverly Gibson, Karen Conway.

Continuing Prayers Alva Ruiz, Betty Jane Deweerd

If you would like to add a person to these lists, please call the church office: 520.327.4296 or email: newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

CONNECT - Connect with Catalina Become closer to God. Get all the details on worship, service opportunities, Bible studies and other activities on the church website, church email and Catalina app! www.catalinamethodist.org

GET THE CATALINA APP - Search the App Store (apple) or the Google Play Store (Android) for "Catalina Methodist." It's FREE and user friendly.

GIVING - Digital Giving Click "DONATE" button at catalinamethodist.org or the Church App, and follow the instructions to register and make single or recurring donations.

TEXT GIVING - Text a dollar amount including \$ sign (e.g., \$50) to 520-441-8592 and follow texted instructions to register. After registration, simply text the amount (e.g., \$50) to make additional donations. You will receive an e-receipt.

The Catalina Inclusivity Task Force Invites You...

At the request of several CUMC members, Rev. Kirk Reed will be conducting a two part discussion on "LGBTQ and the Church." He will, also, include a discussion of what will have happened at the Special General Conference regarding proposed changes to the *Book of Discipline*. The two sessions will be on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am on **February 24th and March 3rd** in room H232. All are welcome.



2019 MARKET ON THE MOVE – 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Feb. 23 In the northeast parking lot – **Speedway and Treat** - For \$10 you can get up to 60 lbs. of fresh produce. 10% of what you spend is returned to Catalina United Methodist Church, to go to other mission projects. So you get a 2 for 1 deal!!

It's a fun project to volunteer for also, because you get to meet people from the neighborhood, share recipes, and help the environment all at the same time. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com or call 520-909-1549.

Young Adult Lunch

If you are a young adult and want to meet others, please join us for lunch after the 11:00 service on these dates. Meet outside the front of the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be paid for.

February 24th
 March 24th
 April 28th
 May, June, July - OFF
 August 25th
 September 22nd
 October 27th
 November 24th
 December - OFF

**Methodist Men's
 Breakfast**
Saturday, March 2, 2019
 8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall

**The Art & Joy of
 Woodworking
 with Dr. Rickey Williams**



AV Cabinet in Sanctuary Serving or Cutting board

Bring a friend and enjoy breakfast, coffee and Fellowship



If you haven't yet heard, Catalina now has some very special coffee available for purchase through the church office. The regular grind coffee, known as "Hallelujah" is a signature blend provided by Godspeed Coffee. It is USDA certified "organic" coffee. More importantly, it is "fair trade" coffee, which means the growers, often living in poverty, get a fair profit for growing these excellent coffee beans. Yes, a pound of this coffee is more expensive than what you would pay at a big box store, (but less expensive than that daily cup you might buy at Starbucks)! A small portion of your purchase will even come back to Catalina in the form of a donation. Give it a try!



Are you or your group (SS class, UMW circle, Methodist Men, choir buddy) looking for a quick mission project? Please consider doing a Thursday night dinner for the students at Frontera Wesley on the U of A campus. Go to <https://www.fronterawesley.org> and there is a button at the top to give you all the info and allow you to sign up. You can cook the food or take in "take out" whatever works for you. They feed up to 15 students and all you do is drop the food around 5:30 p.m. at the Christian Community Center where Wesley students meet every Thursday evening. They handle serving, drinks, and clean-up. Many of these students come from work or classes and having dinner is a real bonus for them. Can you help?



From the Desk of Jamie,

Catalina-

I was recently at the dentist with my children. The dentist office is full of all sorts of child-friendly signs, most of which contain pictures of cute animals. One of these pictures said, “You don’t have to brush all your teeth, just the ones you want to keep!”

As I saw this sign, I wondered about how this applies to the visitors to our church. One of Catalina’s strengths is that it has been a stable presence in the center of Tucson for decades. We are known in the community. As a result, there are people visiting our church almost every week.

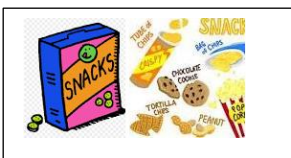
As someone who loves all things church, I have visited a lot of churches in my lifetime. (Though I’m visiting a lot fewer churches now that I’m a pastor.) It takes a lot of courage to walk into a church for the first time. Each time I visited a different church, I was a bit anxious. There were moments I made it to the parking lot of the church and left before I ever entered the front door. I worried about whether or not I dressed appropriately. I wondered if I’d feel welcome. I wondered if I’d know what was going on during the service and if I’d be able to follow the liturgy. I can tell you that I have set foot into churches where the only person who talked to me was the pastor or another paid staff person. The time waiting for the service to begin and the greeting time (or Passing of the Peace) are also very lonely and awkward experiences when you’re visiting. There were times that people walked on by me or times when people quickly shook my hand so that they could go and talk to their friends.

If I modified the sign in my dentist’s office for church, perhaps it would say, “You don’t have to make all of your guests welcome, just the ones you want to keep!” I’ve also experienced churches that made me feel truly welcome.

Anyone stepping through our doors for the first time have already made a huge step of courage to come. I wonder what would happen if Catalina (and all churches) became a truly welcoming place. What if we placed our priority on welcoming anyone we didn’t know (whether they are new or not!) rather than spending most of our time with those we already know? What if we sat next to someone we didn’t know every week, instead of being committed to sitting in our “spot?” What if we took a Sunday to go to a church we’ve never been to in order to remember what it was like to be someone new? What if we committed to having Sunday lunch with someone we didn’t know, so that we can hear their stories? What if a few people met Sunday after church to send a note to any new visitor who left their contact information?

Hospitality provides a safe place where others can be at home. As a member of the body of Christ, how will you commit to being hospitable?

Ordination update - Since my last article, I interviewed with the Board of Ordained Ministry. The Board recommended that I be placed on the slate to be voted on for Provisional Elder. In order for this to become official, the other pastors in the conference will need to vote on this at Annual Conference in June.



Our youth room is open every Monday from 1pm-3pm. High School youth can hang out in a safe space and play games or work on homework and have a snack. You can help by donating prepackaged snacks and drinks. Pop Tarts, Cheese-Its and Granola Bars are favorites! Fresh fruit and drinks are also appreciated. Contact Kristin Ginter to help!

CATALINA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – MARCH UNIT MEETING

WED. March 6, 2019 – Fellowship Hall – noon

Guest Speaker- Allen Stockellburg – from *Parent Aid*

Please come and join us! Our speaker is from Parent Aid, an organization whose mission is to strengthen families and prevent child abuse. We will meet new friends, strengthen our faith and serve our community.

Bring a friend!

CATALINA ORGAN FESTIVAL

Douglas Cleveland
 John DeLo Faculty Fellow
 Univ. Washington School of Music
 Director of Music and Liturgical Arts
 St. Thomas Episcopal in Medina, WA
 additional support by

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Friday, Feb. 22, 2019
 Sanctuary
 Concert 7 pm

Reception
 to follow
 In Fellowship
 Hall

CATALINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 2700 E. SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD, TUCSON
www.catalinamethodist.org/organfestival/

Tickets
 \$20 online
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The above organ concert features the awarding-winning composition, "The Seven Last Words and Triumph of Christ" by U of A Professor, Dr. Pamela Decker. The performance will be highlighted with interpretative dance by choreographer, Kaley Jensen of Dallas, Texas, assisted by University of Arizona dancers.

Celebration and Praise for Catalina's Ministries

January CUMC ministries' highlights:

- * In January, live streaming of our Traditional Worship service averaged more than 100 viewers per week. The greatest numbers were from Arizona, but Florida, California, Tennessee, Kansas, the UK and Korea were live streaming as well.
- * Many community and church members enjoyed an organ concert by Dr. Crista Miller on January 18 at CUMC.
- * A group of volunteers packed 48 snack packs every week on Thursdays for Blenman students to take home for the weekend.
- * The Inclusivity Task Force hosted a Bible study led by Dr. Jeffrey Kuhn, President of Claremont School of Theology, on Jan. 20, to discuss the upcoming Special General Conference to be held in February regarding the status of the LGBTQ community and the UMC.
- * Inclusivity Task Force members attended a discussion about what to expect at the February Special General Conference led by Jim Nebbelink, lay delegate to the conference .
- * About 60 people came to Market on the Move on January 27th. 10 CUMC members helped with Market on the Move.
- * A record number of 34 women are participating in the current women's Bible study, Twelve Women of the Bible.
- * A group of UMW members packaged beads once a month again in January, at Beads of Courage, a non-profit agency that gives support to children with serious diseases.
- * A group of Shalom women made and delivered 15 sack lunches to Casa Paloma, Primavera Foundation's Women's Day Shelter
- * Four hardworking Catalina volunteers shopped, cooked and served their famous pork loin entree dinner with all the trimmings to approximately 100 homeless and hungry men at the Primavera Men's Shelter
- * Three members of our United Methodist Men (UMM) began working on building bunk beds for The Inn. Approximately 15 hours of labor has been provided thus far and the the first "prototype" bunk bed set is approximately half completed. Our goal is to provide at least 10 bunk bed sets so that the refugee population at First UMC will no longer need to sleep on cots or on the hard floor.



FREE - Voice and Piano lessons

Ben Hansen, Music Director, is offering FREE lessons for all ages and abilities. Contact Ben to schedule a time. ben@catalinamethodist.org



To register, learn more, please visit us online at: wjcumc.org/disaster-academy

When disaster strikes, you are among the first responders in your community, dealing with major wildfires, devastating storms, floods, and fires. Community wide disasters have changed what it means to be ready to respond to crisis.

UMCOR distributed \$55 MILLION dollars in disaster relief in 2018. UMCOR is there when any disaster disrupts lives. But all the work is done by volunteers like the people of your church.

The Western Jurisdiction Disaster Academy is in Phoenix Arizona March 28th-31st, 2019. UMCOR trainers and disaster coordinators from across the country will prepare congregations to mobilize. The UMCOR course Connecting Neighbors focuses on giving you the tools you need to build a community response to crisis that fits many ability-levels. Other courses focus on ministering to and stabilizing people and communities after a natural disaster.

In 2017 Zion UMC sanctuary burned, leaving 3-4 feet of ash and debris. Early Response Teams led local volunteers in Las Vegas to clear out the debris, reducing the demolition bill by \$100,000. Volunteers, just like you, did that.

GriefShare

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matt 5:4

You've lost someone that you care deeply about. Maybe it's a recent loss and you're not sure how to make your way without that person. You don't know if what you're feeling is normal. Or maybe it's been a while since you lost your loved one. You feel that others think it's time you should be getting over it. Maybe they've even said it to you. Worse still, you think you should get over it, but you just can't. Your friends are tired of listening to you. You don't dare tell them how you're feeling any more. It makes them uncomfortable to see you cry, and you're embarrassed when you do it in front of anyone else. Please know that you will be welcomed with loving and empathetic arms at CUMC's GriefShare group.

GriefShare is a non-denominational 13-week Christian-based program that includes video and discussion. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 PM with the first hour being devoted to viewing the video and the second hour to discussion. Sessions began in the church library on February 6, 2019. If you've been looking for emotional support as you go through your grief journey, please call the church office at 327-4296 to register.

BREAKFAST CLUB SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – NEW SERIES STARTING!

Come join the Breakfast Club in their new class, the “Mayberry Bible Study,” based on the classic Andy Griffith TV show. You can just drop in, watch the lesson for the day and jump right into the discussion. We are in room E-18 and start at 10:10 am. All ages welcome!

Marjie Hrabe
Adult Ministries
520.327.4296



From the Desk of Kristin,

There’s a phrase I’ve come to identify with recently: “Behind every great kid is a mom who’s pretty sure she’s screwing things up.”

First, I have great kids. Two really great, kind, curious, funny, smart kids. I love my kids. And I love being a mom. But some days are challenging. Our house is often a mess...toys everywhere, piles of laundry, unfinished preschool homework and a kitchen table covered in spilled juice and baby oatmeal. There’s so much more I wish I was doing for or with my family, like taking walks to park or reading the Bible together. I have an image of an ideal mom, a perfect family that just isn’t attainable.

One night a few weeks ago, I was putting our three-year-old, Stephen, to bed. We snuggled in tight together under a dinosaur blanket and read a few stories. We usually talk about the day and share our favorite things. But on this night Stephen had a new idea. “Put your hand on my knee and tell me the good things you did today.” He unsnuggled enough to move his leg out of the covers so I could find his knee. That was the easy part...thinking of the good things I had done that day was hard, I hadn’t done anything remarkable. “I made a healthy dinner, now it’s your turn”. One good thing wasn’t enough for Stephen. He knew I had done more, even if I didn’t know it. He put my hand back on his knee. “You brushed your teeth and you brought cookies to soccer practice and you found my Spinosaurus under the couch”. My mom heart was overflowing!

God knows the good things we’ve done. God doesn’t just delight in the amazing or remarkable, but in the everyday, real life, messy table goodness that we so often overlook in ourselves and others. And in recognizing the good in ourselves, we praise God for creating us and the world full of blessings we live in. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says “God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work.”

I invite you to share in our new bedtime ritual. Put your hand on someone’s knee and share the good things you’ve done. Thanks be to God!

In Peace, Kristin