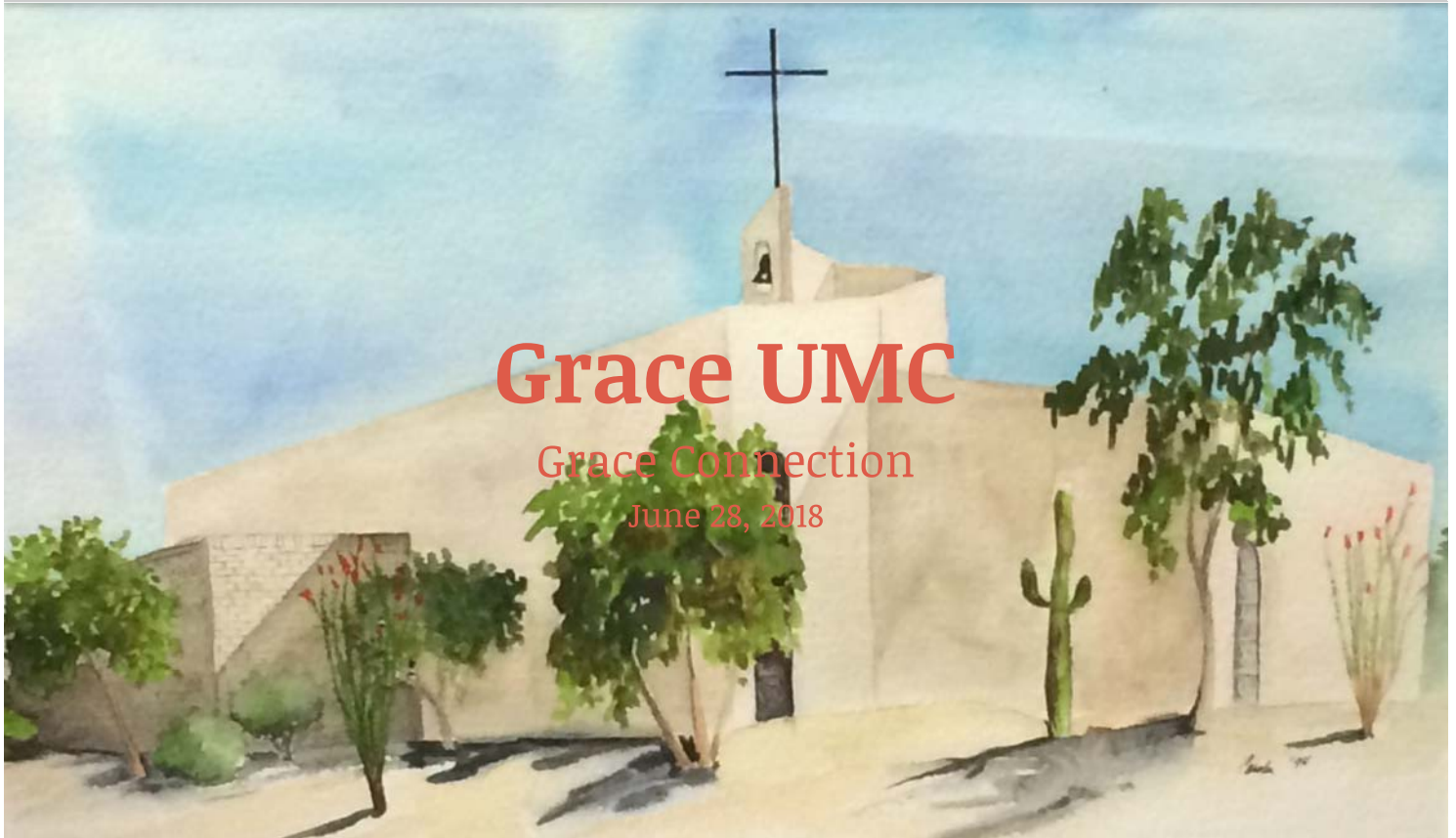


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July Communion Offering



School is just around the corner for many of our valley students. Unfortunately, not all of these children have the supplies that they need in order to succeed. Along with Grace UMC's Back to School Supply Drive, Sunday's special communion offering will fund supplies that these children desperately need.

Summer Back to School Supply Drive

July 1st - July 29th

For families struggling to make ends meet, getting all the items for their children to return to school August 8th can be a real strain on their budgets. For many years, the people of Grace UMC have given a helping hand to the families of the children from Sidewalk Ministry and our neighborhood to make sure they are prepared to succeed from the very first day of school.

School Supplies go on sale in July and we are hoping we can count on you to take

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Here are the items needed to assemble grade appropriate backpacks and distribute them to 100 of our Sidewalk Ministry children by Aug. 4th.

- 3 ring wide or narrow rule notebook paper
- #2 Pencils
- Spiral wide or narrow rule notebooks 70 page ct
- Black, blue and red stick ballpoint pens
- 3 ring 1" to 2" binders
- Erasers - brick type and pencil-top
- Pocket folders in various colors
- Colored pencils 12 or 24 count
- Three prong pocket folders in various colors Crayons 24 count
- Rulers
- Pencil boxes
- Basic & Scientific calculators
- Zippered Pencil pouches
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- Permanent Sharpies
- Glue Sticks
- 100 ct boxes of Kleenex
- Protractors/Geometry kits
- Compasses
- Hand sanitizer- personal size
- Lined Index 3 x 5 cards, 100 ct.
- Manuscript/Primary Writing paper pads

If shopping is not possible for you, please consider making a monetary donation to Grace UMC during the drive, marked "School Supplies". We will have our expert shoppers make your dollars stretch to help fill the gaps in donated items to complete the supplies we need for this School Year.

The drive will run from Sunday, July 1 to Sunday, July 29th and there will be collection bins in the Narthex each week. If you know of a family with school-age children who could use help with backpacks for their children this year, or if you

Red, White & Blue Ice Cream Social



Please join us as we celebrate the reappointment of Rev. Janessa Chastain at the traditional “Red, White and Blue Ice Cream Social” this Sunday, July 1st, after worship in the Fellowship Hall. This delicious event is sponsored by the Chancel Choir and Canterbury Bells.

Grace UMC Food Pantry

Grace’s Food Pantry serves numerous individuals needing help in our surrounding community by providing canned goods, cereal and boxed items. The pantry, however, is low on the following items: cereal and canned fruit. If you would like to donate to the pantry, please bring donations to the office or leave in the narthex on Sundays.

Summer Volleyball Schedule

The Adult Recreational Summer Volleyball League will not face any opponents this Monday in observance of Independence Day. The next scheduled volleyball match will occur next Monday, July 9th at First UMC Mesa against the CITD YAH’s, starting at 7:00pm. Please see Kay Faris or Scott Swinsick if you have any questions.

Grace's Cooking School

Please join Grace UMC's Cooking school as they prepare their next recipe from scratch on Friday, July 6th starting at 6:30pm in Grace's Kitchen. If you would like to join, please contact Ginny Hildebrand or show up for class!

Grace United Methodist Women

The Grace UMW are currently on summer hiatus, but will resume gatherings in the fall. Outreaches that our own Grace UMW are actively involved in, include: A New Leaf Foundation, the East Valley Men's Center, Helen's Hope Chest, the Justa Center, Kairos Outside of Arizona, MesaCAN, The Salvation Army, Grace UMC's Sidewalk Ministry, Save the Family Foundation, Starbright Foundation, Family Advocacy Center, Tumbleweed Center for Youth, United Food Bank, UMOM, Golden Gate Community Center (Wesley), etc. If you would like to join the ladies for fellowship this fall, please attend the "Welcome Back" gathering on September 20th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

The 12th Annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign runs from June 4th through September 14, 2018 and provides supplies of water to people in need. The City of Mesa works with nonprofit agencies and businesses to collect the bottles of water which are distributed through United Food Bank to numerous agencies in the valley, including A New Leaf-East Valley Men's Center, Paz de Cristo and Mesa United Way.

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If you would like to donate to this campaign, please click [here](#) to see a list of drop off locations for your water donations.

ESL Volunteers Needed!

The Grace Adult Learning Center is actively looking for volunteers to teach English to immigrants or assist in other ways with our classes. This past year we served 239 students on our church campus, in English language classes, Citizenship Classes, GED classes & tutoring. We begin again in mid-September, 2 nights a week from Sept. – Nov. (we stop right before Thanksgiving). We also have a few opportunities open during the mornings. If you are interested in getting involved on any level, please contact Linda Mead at (480)924-4706 or email lindalmead@aol.com. We will provide all materials and training. It is a lot of fun & rewarding. Hoping some of you would like to get involved.

Birthday Blessings To:

Jan Connell • Monday, July 2nd

Bob Gawley • Monday, July 2nd

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Events at Grace UMC:

Sunday, July 1st - Sunday, July 8th

Sunday, July 1st

- 9:00am – Sunday Service
- 9:00am – Children’s Sunday School
- 10:15am – Coffee Fellowship
- 10:15am – Prayer Group
- 10:30am – Red, White & Blue Social

Monday, July 2nd

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours
- 6:00pm - Emmaus

Tuesday, July 3rd

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours
- 9:30am – Grace Quilters

Wednesday, July 4th

- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- Office Closed

Thursday, July 5th

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours

Friday, July 6th

- 6:30pm – Grace’s Cooking School

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NO EVENTS

Sunday, July 8th

9:00am – Sunday Service
9:00am – Children’s Sunday School
10:15am – Coffee Fellowship
10:15am – Prayer Group
10:30am – 50 Years & Now What?

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Prayer Requests:

Would you like to be part of Grace’s Prayer Chain? Please fill out a prayer card with your prayer request(s).

- Nephew of Jen Arnold
- Margaret
- Jack Odirone
- Celeste Innes
- Mildred Evans
- Pastor Janessa
- The Children of the World
- Marcia Frazee
- Francis Kwarteng
- Birdwell Family
- Rosa Whitaker’s Niece
- Ten Napel Family
- Archie Hall
- Brandon Brandauer
- Kyle & Erica Watson
- Anthony

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Cancer patients: Celeste Innes, Nancy Troutman, Jaime Johnson, Jack Brown MD, Glen Kirch, Sharon, Melissa Watkins, Ted Sarager, Peggy Howk, Becky, John Ciani, Keith, Lori Howard

Remember in your prayers our Homebound Members: Darleen Schettler, Shalto Baney, Ramona Baney, Mae Buckles, Dorothy Gosney, JoAnn Hinz, Thelma Jones, Marian McLane, Ray Warnock, Clara France, Ed Schewe, Gary Nicks, Joyce Fritz

Please pray for the following churches during the month of July: White Mountain UMC – Show Low, Wesley UMC – Phoenix, Wesley Foundation at ASU – Tempe, Velda Rose UMC - Mesa

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