

FIRST EDITION

SEPTEMBER 2018



Join us this season for a tailgate party, like no other!

We'll be outside the church two hours before the game with the friendliest tailgate party! (Check our calendar for exact times as we approach each home game since some game times are TBA.)

A group of our young adults at Tempe First want to reach out

to the community with friendly faces and not just serve as a parking lot***, but a place for ministry even on game days! Join us and bring a simple snack to share, a smile on your face, and get ready for music and games out on Tempe First's 2nd floor patio. (This event is alcohol-free and never permitted on our campus.)

***Parking will be sold to the public to raise funds for our many ministries at the church, so plan to donate if you would like a parking spot, or be part of our walk & bike-friendly community!

COMING THIS FALL

Anatomy of Peace Study

Rev. Rosemary is hosting a book study on the Anatomy of Peace – Resolving the Heart of Conflict by The Arbinger Institute. This was the recommended reading by Bishop Bob Hoshibata for this year's Desert Southwest Annual Conference.

We'll be offering this 12-week (1.5 hour) class twice a week, so that you have two chances to join in the discussion each week on Sundays & Thursdays.

Interested in joining the class? RSVP* for the class on our website under the events page.

**exact dates and times of the class will be determined based on RSVPs*

Read more about the book & where to purchase it at: ws.arbinger.com/anatomyofpeace.



Find out everything you need to know about our events
on our website at: tempefirstumc.org/events

MORE EVENTS COMING UP



SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:00AM

UMOM Zoo Walk

The 10th Annual Walk to End Homelessness is coming Saturday, September 22 at the Phoenix Zoo! We had a great team walk together last year, and we walk to have an even bigger team this year! You can register at UMOM.org/walk and select Tempe First UMC as your team. If you have any issues signing up or questions in general, call the church office and we'll get you connected with Judy Sarrett, our amazing UMOM representative!



OCTOBER 11 | 6:00PM

Friends & Fellowship

Save the date!

Our UMW are gathering together for another Friends & Fellowship Potluck. The program will include a guest speaker and details will be announced in our next newsletter.

Bring a dish to share, invite a friend, and enjoy fellowship with one another!

THE WAY FORWARD

General Conference 2019

Rev. Rosemary mentioned in her sermon, on August 26th, about the future of the United Methodist Church and the Commission on a Way Forward, a 93-page report on the three plans that were considered by the Council of Bishops. More about this topic can be found on the Desert Southwest Conference website (dscumc.org).

The following is a section of a letter from August 1st, 2018, from our Bishop Bob Hoshibata [webpage: dscumc.org/2018/08/holy-huddles-on-the-future-of-the-united-methodist-church]:

“Reading through these plans [Commission of the Way Forward] is a time-consuming process, but by doing so, you will have a better sense of the nuances of the plans. I encourage you to read through them so that you will be informed about what the breadth of theological differences are in our United Methodist Church. However, let’s also remember that numerous other proposals have been officially submitted for consideration by the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019. These, along with the plans included in the report of the Commission on a Way Forward, will be subject to debate and amending at General Conference 2019. Ultimately, what is adopted at General Conference may be dramatically different from any of these plans.

In order to better understand and prayerfully share our thoughts for our Church, I am inviting you to participate in a Holy Huddle on the Future of The United Methodist Church. The Holy Huddles will be helpful to us as we watch what happens in advance of and on the floor of General Conference. The Huddles being planned will consist of two parts. The first part, designed for clergy only, will focus on sharing ideas with the clergy of the Conference about how to lead our congregations with hope amid uncertainty with Christ-like respectful conversations and prayer.”

– Bishop Bob Hoshibata

A complete list of dates for Holy Huddles can be found at the website, Rev. Rosemary Anderson mentioned she will be attending the one at North Scottsdale UMC on November 17, 2018 from 1:00-4:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Series – Women of the Bible

Coming soon! A sermon series on some great women of the Bible featuring some hidden gems each week! We'll announce the exact start of the series on our social media and in our weekly email newsletter, so be sure to follow and subscribe on our website for all the latest news.

Women of the Bible

I-Help Blanket Donations

I-Help would appreciate some additional blankets for our homeless guests that we serve every Sunday evening. Please bring any donations to the church office during the office hours (Tues-Fri 9-4) or on Sunday's place them on Ross Hall's stage area with a note that says I-Help. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please connect with Barbra & Larry Mishler by calling the church office. Thank you for the support!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



WEDNESDAYS AT 7-8PM

Wesley for college students meets every Wednesday at 7pm for dinner and discussion in Ross Hall. Stay for as long as you can and feel free to come late, if needed.

Contact Rev. Jeri Wilkerson at jeri@valleywesley.com for more information.

PARKING @TEMPE FIRST

We are now partnered with AirGarage, a convenient way for our ASU/ Tempe community to pay for parking during the week. With AirGarage, Tempe First will now be able to offer our parking lot 24/7 –generating even more funds to support all of our ministries at the church.

Sunday worship parking is always FREE and always FREE for our church members and ministry visitors during the week. For large groups, please notify the church office at least 48 hours before if you need to ensure spots are reserved during the week.

All you need to do is register your license plate number(s) with the church office once a year and you can park for FREE.

Everyone should register to avoid parking fees. If you need to get your vehicle(s) registered for FREE PARKING, please contact the church office at 480.967.3376.

STARTING NOW

**PARK
HERE**

OUR PARKING LOT
WILL ALWAYS
BE FREE FOR OUR
CHURCH FAMILY

Want to join our eNews Newsletter for updates and announcements in your inbox?

Go to tempefirstumc.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the link "Join Our Email List"



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Worship with us:

Sundays | 8:00 & 9:30am
Fridays | 7:00pm

Rev. Camille Pentsil, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rosemary Anderson, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeri Wilkerson, Wesley Campus Ministry

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FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER suggestions? or need to add something for next month? Please contact our Marketing & Communications Director, Jennifer Testamarck >> jenn@tempefirstumc.org

OFFICE MEMOS

Quarterly Contributions >>

Second quarter contribution statements are now available. Please contact the church office by calling 480.967.3376 to get your copy.

Update Your Contact Info >>

A friendly reminder to email or call the church office with your latest mailing address, email address, and phone number. You can also submit this information through our form online at www.tempefirstumc.org/contact and make the subject: "Update Contact Info".

CALL FOR IDEAS

Fall Events >>

Believe it or not, it's time to plan for Fall and even Advent season!

If you have an idea for a special event, potluck, guest speaker, Sunday School class, or bible study for Fall & Winter 2018, let's start planning that together now! All you need is an idea, and then we can start the conversation for how to get it started for you and your friends. We'll help you determine when is the best time to have it, and how we can get more people involved. Email your ideas to jenn@tempefirstumc.org!

FEATURED MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry

Did you know that Tempe First is a Stephen Minister church? This means that there are trained lay persons in our congregation who are available to meet with you following a crisis in your life. Are you suffering from an illness? Have you had a loss in your life? Job? Spouse? Friend? Family member? Maybe you need someone to talk to about these crises.

A Stephen Minister is a person who can help you through this difficult time. They have been trained to listen to you, empathize with you, pray with you and help you make the change from a broken person to a whole person.

Email one of our Stephen Leaders listed below or speak with one of the pastors:

- Cris Bass at crisb9146@cox.net
- Paul Sandilla at millrat1947@yahoo.com

If you think you might have a calling to become trained as a Stephen Minister, you can inform the Stephen Leaders of that calling also. A training class is being planned for 2019.



TEMPE FIRST UMC: SEPTEMBER 2018

Saturday, September 1

5:30pm ASU Football Tailgate

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, September 3

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, September 4

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

6:00pm Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 5

9:30am Stitch in Time

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Book Club

7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Friday, September 7

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

Saturday, September 8

8:30am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

5:45pm ASU Football Tailgate

Sunday, September 9

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, September 10

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Wednesday, September 12

10:00am UMW Leadership Team

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Friday, September 14

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

Saturday, September 15

8:30am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, September 16

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, September 17

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 18

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

6:45pm Dinner & Dialogue

Wednesday, September 19

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Thursday, September 20

10:00am Love Knots

Friday, September 21

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

Saturday, September 22

6:00am UMOM Walk to End Homelessness

8:30am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Sunday, September 23

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

4:30pm I-HELP

Monday, September 24

6:00am Urban Outreach

Tuesday, September 25

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

Wednesday, September 26

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Wesley College Ministry

Friday, September 28

6:00am Urban Outreach

7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

Saturday, September 29

8:30am Body Works:Tone & Stretch Class

Time:TBA ASU Football Tailgate

Sunday, September 30

8:00am Communion Service

9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School

4:30pm I-HELP

**Calendar dates are subject to change,
so be sure to check out our
up-to-date calendar on our website at:
tempefirstumc.org/calendar
