



The Catalina News

The newsletter of Catalina United Methodist Church

Every Sunday at
Catalina

Worship in the Chapel

8:00 a.m.

The Refuge

Sanctuary until
further notice

9:00 a.m. Alternative
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

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



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



Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Sunrise Service – 6:10 a.m. in the Rose Garden; continues in Fellowship Hall

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Pancake and sausage Breakfast H-230

8:00 a.m. - Chapel

9:00 a.m. – Sanctuary (until further notice)

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary – For Easter, a huge celebration of brass, bells, organ and choir awaits the congregation to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is to be a joyful community that generously shares Christ's light and love.

In April, we will celebrate the back lighting of the newly installed stain glass in the Sanctuary, depicting the Patron Saint of Music. The Sanctuary Choir will sing a very special anthem by expert choral/organ composer, Herbert Howells, entitled, "A Hymn for St. Cecilia."

Please email: newsletter@catalinamethodist.org if you wish to be remembered in our newsletter "Prayer Requests." Also email if you would like to list a college student in the "Keep Our College Students in Your Prayers" column.



Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Our Neighbors

Catalina United Methodist Women will have their monthly Unit Meeting on Wed. April 4th at noon in room E18. Please come and enjoy fellowship, lunch, and hear a great speaker. Rula Khalidi will be speaking about her Muslim faith. Everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter – Sunday, April 1, 2018

Ad Board and Charge Conference - Tues.
April 3, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Room H-230

United Methodist Women – Unit Meeting,
Wed. April 4, 2018 – E-18. Lunch and
program

Family First Friday – Friday April 6, 2018 –
South Lawn

Day School Gala – April 7, 2018 – 5 p.m. –
7:00 p.m. on the Day School Courtyard

United Men’s Breakfast – April 7, 2018 –
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in E-23

Exploring Membership Classes – April 8th,
22nd and 29th. 10:10 a.m. in H-232

Every Wed. – High school Youth are
invited to come hang out and study –
2:30p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Youth
Room

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

April 24, 2018 – Shalom United Methodist
Women’s meeting – 7:00 p.m. E-18.
Speaker is Susan Friese from Literacy
Connects

Market on the Move – April 28, 2018 –
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Front Parking lot

5th Sunday Brunch – April 29, 2018 – 10:00
– 11:00 a.m. H-230

Just a reminder – articles for the next April 15,
2018 Catalina News are due by email on Wed., April
4, 2018. Please Email:
newsletter@catalinamethodist.org

THE PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION

The Primavera Foundation has use for old, clean (no labels) prescription bottles. They are used for small portions of lotion, sun-screen and Vaseline for the homeless men and women. They can also use hotel size samples of shampoo, conditioner, soap, and sewing kits.

There is a box in the office work room where you can drop off these items. Thank you!



Men’s Early Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6:45 – 8:00 a.m. in room E-18. All men are welcome!



CATALINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2700 E. SPEEDWAY BLVD.

TUCSON, AZ 85716

OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Friday

520.327.4296

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 7, 2018

8 a.m. to 9 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Fernando Molina



Tucson Water
Public Information Officer

*'Assurance of High
Quality &
Adequate water supply
in the desert!'*

Bring a friend and enjoy breakfast,
coffee and fellowship!

The South District Builder's Club

The South District Builder's Club is a unique organization established by 'Buzz' Stevens a number of years ago. Members agree to be 'asked' to contribute \$25 up to 3 times per year. These monies collected are to help our sister churches who have needs to repair or maintain their churches. Projects are reviewed by the board of directors prior to issuing a call. Examples are roof repairs, AC repairs or electric updates to code. These are usually in our smaller churches. We would like to increase the number of potential donors from 150 to 200 across the south district. For more information contact: Neil R. West, current chair.



NEW LOCATION FOR MEN'S BREAKFAST – E-23

COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAYS

Cookies! The next time you are grocery shopping, please pick up a bag of cookies for our Sunday Morning coffee hour. They can be put in the kitchen or left in the office. Marjie Hrabe

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Exploring Membership Class: This 3 part class will be held April 8th, April 22nd, and April 29th. The actual service for making you new members will be on May 6th. Please join Pastor Kirk Reed and myself in H232 at 10:10 to learn, ask questions, and get to meet some new people. Any questions call me at 520.327.4296 or email me at Marjie@Catalinamethodist.org. Marjie Hrabe

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 2-15, 2018

April 2 Acts 4:32-35
April 3 Psalm 133
April 4 1 John 1:1-10
April 5 1 John 2:1-2
April 6 John 20:19-29
April 7 John 20:26-29
April 8 John 20:30-31

April 9 Acts 3:12-16
April 10 Acts 3: 17-19
April 11 Psalm 4
April 12 1 John 3:1-3
April 13 1 John 3:4-7
April 14 Luke 24:36b-43
April 15 Luke 24:44-48

HELPING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

The Wesley Foundation Board for the U of A is looking for local Methodists to furnish dinners for their covenant group on Thursday nights. Here is the link that will take people to the SignUpGenius. Anyone can sign up to provide a dinner. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aacaf2fa2f49-thursday> . We are serving about 15 students from U of A and Pima CC. Dinner need not include beverages. There are usually a few vegetarians, so having a vegetarian side or salad is nice so they can eat too. Dinner should arrive around 6 p.m. and the volunteer can drop it off and let the kids serve it, or help serve and then depart. Following dinner, the students meet as a covenant group, so having extra people stay is not appropriate.

Catalina UMC already has some individuals and teams serving in this way. We are grateful for your continuing support and service.

The Wesley Board and the students thank you for your help.

New Mission Outreach Project

The Shalom United Methodist Women's Circle recently heard the Volunteer Coordinator for the Primavera Foundation speak at a recent meeting. The Primavera Foundation is supported in a big way by the men of our church with the monthly serving of a dinner at the Primavera Men's Shelter. Through our speaker, we learned that there is a Women's Day Shelter, Casa Paloma, in need of sack lunches for the women who stop by. A few of the Shalom women made and delivered 15 sack lunches for Casa Paloma. The plan is to deliver sack lunches once a month. For more information email Judy Wingert: judywingert@gmail.com



FIRE UPDATE

Due to the fire activity last month, the Fellowship Hall and the Library will be closed for renovations for the next 3 months, approximately. The library may be opened sooner. We will keep you updated. If you had an event scheduled for either room, please call the office at 520.327.4296 to relocate. Thank you for your patience throughout this period of growth.

HELP OUR STAFF! TWO THINGS YOU CAN DO!

- ✓ Let us know if you, or someone from the church community, is having surgery or other life issues so we can get them on the prayer list and schedule a visit with them. You can get that information to us by calling the office at 520.327.4296, emailing at office@Catalinamethodist.org , or by filling out a prayer request card in the pew.
- ✓ Please make sure your contact information has been updated recently. Many have dropped their land lines or have moved and we may not be aware of it in the office.

WHERE ARE YOU???

The office has been trying to update contact information. Please contact the office at 520.327-4296 or office@Catalinamethodist.org if you have current contact information for the following people:

Cassie Weinstein, Catherine Evans, Leslie Maier Talmage, Pat Crow, James Allinger, Vonda Aldrich, John Childress, Suzanne Joy Freeman, Mabel Layne, Lloyd Lane

Catalina Communication!

Catalina's *Strategic Plan Task Force* has initiated a *Communication Committee* to study and promote clear communication at Catalina.

Currently there are two newsletters available to everyone: an online, interactive newsletter and a printed newsletter. People can sign up on the catalinamethodist.org website to receive an email with a link to the online newsletter. OR people can pick up the printed newsletter in church every other Sunday (the next one will be April 15, 2018) or request that it be mailed to you.

These newsletters are currently very different; the online newsletter has graphics depicting upcoming events with links to more information, and the printed version has the upcoming events plus the more intimate articles such as: Prayer Requests, Daily Scripture, and other news regarding our community service, congregational care, and educational opportunities.

It is the hope to have the printed version available as a link on our website in the future: catalinamethodist.org

Try out both! And if you would like to receive the printed version at your home, please let the office know, [520.327.4296](tel:520.327.4296) or email: newsletter@catalinamethodist.org



FROM THE DESK OF JAMIE

One of my most vivid memories of my grandmother is that she would sit in her living room and watch one of those 24 hour news channels for hours upon hour each day. She did not seem to mind that the same stories would come back around in a cycle. I, on the other hand, do not watch the news. I do not watch the news because most of the time it seems like “bad” news. Many news stories (but not all) relay some kind of evil that’s happened in our world.

As Easter is coming, I have pondered where the Good News is in the midst of the bad news of the world. The trial and crucifixion of Jesus has often been called the Passion. This comes from the Latin *passionem* which means suffering. As Christians, we affirm that we have a Savior who suffers with those who are suffering. Those who suffer are not alone. Through the crucifixion, God--in the person of Jesus--took our burdens upon himself. God does not always provide the answers we want during times of difficulty, but he gives us himself and his presence in the midst of our suffering.

At Easter, we celebrate that the tomb is empty! God’s love cannot be contained by anything--not even evil and death! Love is stronger than Death! While evil still exists in our world, we know that the Kingdom of God is present here and now on earth. As an Easter people, we are called to go into the world to work for justice and life for all in creation, to bear witness to the promise of the resurrection, to lift up those in despair, and to show that Love is stronger than death. In what ways can you go and proclaim this good news to the world around you?

Happy Easter, my friends!

Pastor Jamie

Please remember these persons in your prayers

Prayer Requests Kevin Horstman, Lynda Hill, Conrad Villanueva, Estrella Villanueva, Sabra Dogget, Elaine Opdyke, Barbara Montgomery, Betty Martin, Leisha Fleming.

Continuing Prayers Alva Ruiz

A Memorial Service for Sue Varney will be April 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

Strategic Planning Committee 2018 Update

Friends,

Approximately one year ago in March 2017, the CUMC Administrative Board (Ad Board) approved a new Strategic Plan (SP) to guide the work of the church. The plan established goals to help prioritize our missions and ministries for the next 3-5 years. Below is a brief update on the progress that the Church has made in implementing these priorities this past year.

Develop a systematic congregational care ministry

Considerable progress has been made in caring for our members and constituents over the past year, including increased home visits, phone calls, and cards to the sick, grieving, frail, and homebound by pastors, staff, and laity. Inactive members and those who have been absent from worship for more than 3 weeks are now routinely contacted.

Develop and Expand Lay Leadership

Plans are in process to provide training for all new Committee Chairpersons with the Pastors providing a workshop during the spring or summer. Conference training materials will be available. Committee Chairpersons will then be better able to provide training to their committee members.

Improve Organization and Communication Across All Ministries

A new Communications Committee has been formed and has begun to meet. Priorities include auditing and updating contact lists, and re-establishing a bi-weekly newsletter.

Improve and Maximize Technology

A new Technology Team has been created under the Trustees Committee. Campus computing and internet capability have undergone major upgrades. A part-time digital/web master position has been created and has been filled.

In January 2018, the Ad Board increased its meetings to a monthly schedule and now is spending part of each of these meetings working together on implementation ideas for the SP. Two goals have been prioritized for this year: (1) Invite and engage newcomers; and, (2) Improve Organization and Communication. Your active involvement in achieving either or both of these goals would be most welcome. Please feel free to contact me if you have suggestions, questions, or a willingness to join one of the working teams.

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