

GILBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST

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PASTOR'S CORNER

I look outside and see how many trees are changing color so fast, so I know we are coming into October. We have experienced a few days when the day started with below freezing temperatures. Even though this has happened the flowers at the church still look wonderful, thank you Linda for all the work you do so it will happen. Even on those cold mornings I am enjoying being able to walk outside and enjoy God's colorful nature and the fresh air. I truly have a hard time deciding if I like fall or spring the best and have come to the conclusion that it is whichever one we are in that moment.

We are still in strange times of wearing masks and social distancing, and being such our annual pasty sale is postponed until it is safe and easier to have one. We are not giving up doing them, just need to wait until it makes sense to do it. As a church we have been blessed so that we have not personally been affected by the virus, but many of us know of someone who has. As Christians it is our duty to use our heads and not risk others health or our own, so please continue wearing those masks and give each other a hug from a distance.

The month of September has brought our membership a scare and sorrow. We will continue to pray for Ken Anderson and his family as he goes through the slow process of recovery, for he is still in Miller Dwan. We also need to include Gerri and Jack Makela, along with their family as they grieve the sudden unexpected death of Michael, Gerri's son. May we pray for them and if possible express our support for them during this difficult time. It is times like these that the "church family" means so much to the person and is able to provide support and comfort. Prayers make a difference and multiple prayers make a bigger difference, so when there is a need for prayer please share with others. Enjoy God's wondrous nature in this season of fall.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember He is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When our church begins and it is safe to be together as a group of children, remember that all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

Sue Malevich

AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE

Next meeting will be Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m. Please join us!

SALVATION ARMY SUPPER CLUB

Right now the Salvation Army asks that all volunteers NOT serve until further notice – they are handing out bag lunches and hot meals.

Remember our church helps to serve the Salvation Army Supper Club the third Thursday of the month. Serving starts at 3:30 p.m. and only takes a couple of hours. We need more volunteers to sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

SMALL PANTRY

Our church is always collecting non perishable food items for the Small Food Pantry which is right outside our church doors. Either put food right into the pantry or leave on the back pew of the church. Paper items (toilet paper and paper towels) are also greatly needed. Cereal, paper goods and snacks for children seem to go the fastest.

The last Sunday of each month we will be holding a Noisy Offering.... In this offering we will pass a can and everyone will bring pocketfuls of change to put in the can and make lots of noise. This year we are collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants or at the Eveleth IGA

can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call (218) 735-6899 or 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

COFFEE AN' will be cancelled for now...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6th Deanna Kerzie Hafdahl
18th Wyonne Anderson
22nd Candace Barshaw

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

4 th	Psalm 19 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3:4b-14	11 th	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9
18 th	Psalm 99 Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	25 th	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

OCTOBER LITURGIST

4th Norma Purkat
11th John Malevich
18th DeEtta Annala
25th Deborah Ross-Jagunich

OCTOBER USHER

4th John and Sue Maleivch
11th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl
18th DeEtta Annala
25th Deborah Ross-Jagunich and Warren

Ross

Neither Liturgists or Ushers are needed at this time...

YARD WORK FOR OCTOBER (week runs Monday-Sunday)

September 28th-October 4th Malevich
October 5th-11th Kerzie/Hafdahl
October 12th-18th Peterson
October 19th-25th Malevich
October 26th-November 1st