**GILBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST**

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**PASTOR’S CORNER**

The weather has not given us any hints that fall is arriving and school is starting, but Labor Day is on September 1st, so both are here. I am sure fall weather is just around the corner. I am looking forward to the beautiful color of the leaves again this fall. The school supplies have been advertised and available since beginning of July and most have Halloween candy ready to buy or with some already items for Thanksgiving already. Some of our gardens are still producing although I have pulled my tomatoes and pepper plants since I was having problems with birds and insects attacking even the green tomatoes, besides I had already had more than I could eat for the season. Apples are falling from the trees, so must be ready for picking. One of my trees we have already picked and a second one is ready with third not far behind. So far there has not been any frost let alone a hard freeze, although I know it is not far away.

I would like to thank Linda Hall for the wonderful flowers that graced the front of our church and the sign again this year. They make such a beautiful entrance to the church. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the grass mowing this summer and for doing such a wonderful job of keeping the church lawn mowed all summer. Sorry to say, I think you may have to keep mowing for another couple of weeks at least.

I am still waiting for input about a Bible Study, especially about the day and time we should have it. I have one more sample to come, since Season 5 won’t be here early enough for me to prep for using it. So I am thinking it would work for after Christmas. The ones I am looking at are only four or six sessions, and one is for Advent time. I am hoping that people are willing again to make some tied blankets for Bill’s House for the Christmas season, since I already have the fleece stored at my house. If the Advent Bible study is chosen, I would like to do the blankets first and the Bible study to run into Advent.

I will be heading to Iowa for another class, someday I will be done or at least that is what I keep telling myself. I will be gone September 17th through the 19th and DeEtta will be in the pulpit that Sunday. I am so happy with the dates since the other dates they could have chosen would have been at the end of our pasty sale.

Speaking about the Pasty Sale, we are definitely in need of prayers. The city attorney told the city council that they could no longer donate the city facilities free to any organizations. Including the church, even though it was past practice, so the council felt their hands were tied. But more than one than one council member contacted me after the meeting and they are willing to work with us on the situation, so pray that a solution is worked out. Also, the council needs to write a proposal and pass it, so they can meet the legal requirements to be able to donate the use of the facilities in the future. Needless to say, prayers are needed that they can accomplish this before next year. Also, the renovation of the Community Center is going to begin before the end of this year.

We all know the importance of the Pasty Sale is for our congregation. We never worry about being able to sell all the pasties we make, but we are constantly worried about how much help there will be each year. So far, each year we have been blessed with enough help from friends and family to make it successful, so I ask you to reach out again this year wo we will have a large enough crew to do one again. The tentative dates for the sale are the week of October 13th-17th. Will start baking later morning of the 15th and major baking on the 16th. Hopefully we won’t have to come in the morning of the 17th to do the final cleaning. We will start with the non-rutabaga pasties and will expect the people to pick them up on Wednesday night. So, if you take orders for them, make sure the people know this. There will be thank you gifts for those who come and help again this year, but they will be a surprise to all. Hopefully we will have another great and large crew this year, so if you can check your calendar and let us know if you can commit to helping. The one way it will happen is if we have enough people confirming they will be able to participate. There are no worries about having enough orders for people who are already asking.

Hopefully we will see you at a Sunday service. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember God is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

**SUNDAY SCHOOL,**

Remember that all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

**AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE**

Next Ad Council will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. There will be discussion on the upcoming Pasty Sale in October. Come and join us – everyone is invited.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Cleaning is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. If you are available, please come and help. Many hands make light work!

**DIRECTIONS FOR CHURCH WEBSITE**

Type in [www.gilbertcommunitychurch.org](http://www.gilbertcommunitychurch.org) – HIT ENTER – this will bring you to the church website. Once into the church website, click on the section you would like to access, for example Daily Devotionals, click and it will open at the bottom of the page. If you choose to watch a Sunday Service, just click on the zoom service (RED) and click the picture of the church with the date of the service you would like to view.

**NOISY OFFERING**

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 pockfuls of change to put in the can and make lots and lots of noise. The offering for 2025 is for Katherine’s House in Eveleth. Katherine’s House provides services for women with mental health, chemical dependence issues, homelessness, high behavioral needs, trauma victims, pregnant women needing a safe and stable environment, women involved in the Criminal Justice system, women with children placed outside of the home, help managing needs, all in a comprehensive trauma informed welcoming home.

**COFFEE AN’**

September 14th… Barb and Bob will be serving.

October 12th… This is also “Becoming Methodist Sunday” and DeEtta will be

serving.

**BIRTHDAYS**

September 5th Audrey Brown October 6th Deanna Kerzie Hafdahl

September 6th Penny Calger October 18th Wyonne Anderson

September 7th Cindy James October 22nd Candace Barshaw

September 12th Taya Kwiatkowski

September 15th Kassie James

September 28th Gunnar George

Bodi George

**ANNIVERSARIES**

October 13, 2003 Tom and Deanna

Hafdahl

**SCRIPTURES**

September 7th October 5th

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Psalm 137

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Lamentations 1:1-6

Philemon 1-21 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 14:25-33 Luke 17:5-10

September 14th October 12th

Psalm 14 Psalm 66:1-12

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

1 Timothy 1:12-17 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 15:1-10 Luke 17:11-19

September 21st October 19th

Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Jeremiah 31:27-34

1 Timothy 2:1-7 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 16:1-13 Luke 18:1-8

September 28th October 26th

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Psalm 65

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Joel 2:23-32

1 Timothy 6:6-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 16:19-31 Luke 18:9-14

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

September 7th Sue Malevich October 5th John Malevich

September 14th Warren Ross October 12th DeEtta Annala

September 21st Don Peterson October 19th Deborah Ross-Jagunich

September 28th Norma Purkat October 26th Sue Malevich

**USHER SCHEDULE**

September 7th DeEtta Annala October 5th Norma Purkat

September 14th Deborah Ross-Jagunich October 12th Don Peterson

September 21st Candace Barshaw October 19th John Malevich

September 28th Warren Ross October 26th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

September 1st-7th Malevich October 6th-12th Kerzie/Hafdahl

September 8th-14th Jagunich October 13th-19th Peterson

September 15th-21st Matteson October 20th-26th Malevich

September 22nd-28th Kern Oct 27th-Nov 2nd Warren Ross

Sept 29th-Oct 5th John and Norma