

# FIRST EDITION

MAY 2018

SATURDAY, MAY 19 | 10:00AM

## Memorial Garden Service

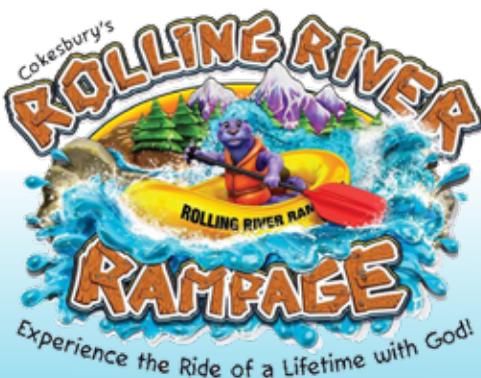
Families and Friends of loved ones whose ashes are scattered or interred in the Memorial Garden at Tempe First UMC are invited to a service of remembrance.

As we gather together to remember loved ones, there will be the opportunity to write names and prayers on ribbons to tie on a wreath, and to participate in responsive readings.

Our common thread are the remains of our loved ones in the same area. Let us come together to grieve, to remember, to laugh, and to love. Officiated by Rev. Rosemary Anderson and Rev. Jeri Wilkerson.



JUNE 4-8



## Vacation Bible School

At Rolling River Rampage VBS, your students will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience the ride of a lifetime with God. During Vacation Bible School at Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God, your students will become Rafters and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities.

Preregistration is available now on our website at [tempefirstumc.org/vbs](http://tempefirstumc.org/vbs) or by contacting the church office. The program is for kids 3-4 years (pre-k) and Kindergarten-5th grades and runs each morning from 9:30am-12pm.

Find out everything you need to know about our events  
on our website at: [tempefirstumc.org/events](http://tempefirstumc.org/events)

## MORE EVENTS COMING UP



MONDAY, MAY 21 | 2:00PM

### Monday Book Group

Our Monday Book Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month to discuss books that we have chosen to read and talk about. The group is open to for anyone to attend. We meet in different homes, and share a dessert together. This month's book: *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Contact the church office for meeting location.



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### Habitat for Humanity

A great way to help the community and learn new skills. We will need 6 to 8 volunteers for the day. If you are interested in supporting our Habitat team but cannot work at the site, there are opportunities to provide breakfast for the group. To volunteer and get involved, contact the church office or talk to Charlie Schock.



SATURDAY, JUNE 9 | 10:00AM

### Friends & Fellowship

Save the date! We'll have more details about this event in our next newsletter!



JUNE 14-17

### Desert SW Annual Conference

Our clergy and lay members will be attending Annual Conference next month. Even if you're not attending, you can still find out what is happening and watch live events at [dscumc.org/annual-conference](http://dscumc.org/annual-conference).

## IN MISSION

Kathy and Charlie Schock headed to Texas recently to assist families who needed home repair due to the recent hurricanes. They joined a small group of volunteers, started by other members of the Desert Southwest Conference.

One of the homeowners, a Vietnamese lady, runs a restaurant and a plant business. Her family is working to get their businesses running while living in a trailer next to her home. A second homeowner was a woman who lives with her 17-year-old niece. The home is an old family home that her grandparents had lived in. She is trying to save whatever she can for her family.

Talk to Kathy & Charlie to hear more about their great work! And to see more photos, keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram!



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Scholarship Recipients

We want to recognize all the students who received scholarships for the upcoming 2018-2019 semesters. The Scholarship Committee grants annual awards paid out from the Helen M. Whitman Fund and the Lucile S. Bailey Memorial Trust Fund and from other earnings through investments administered by the Tempe First United Methodist Church Foundation. Students were required to fill out an application last month along with references from clergy, staff, or lay leaders of Tempe First UMC or the Wesley Foundation at ASU and one from a current teacher. Congratulations!

Sarah Gardner: MCC – Elementary Education

Lindsay Akers: ASU – Industrial Engineering

Sam Jenkins: Westminster College - General Studies

Hallie Jenkins: ASU – Nursing

Jordan Claire: ASU – Linguistics

Ally Laubscher: American University – History

Amy Dye-Robinson: ASU – Biochemistry

Maddie Griffin: ASU – Music Therapy/Psychology

Loagn Guill: ASU – Aeronautical Engineering

### Honoring our Great Members

In April, Judy Sarrett received the Individual Volunteer of the Year Award from UMOM during National Volunteer Month. Judy has been volunteering with UMOM for 25 years and our UMOM Ambassador at Tempe First UMC. Thank you for all that you do!

### Urban Outreach Superstars

A big thank you to two sisters who have become an integral part of Urban Outreach! Alyssia Munoz became a University Student Learning intern at ASU and worked for a total of 200+ hours over the past two semesters. Her sister, Alayna, began volunteering this past semester. They both love Urban Outreach and have impacted the ministry with their compassion for our guests and their creativity with new ideas and ways to help. They make a great team and we will miss them as they leave Urban Outreach for summer activities.



Chuck Rowell is retiring from service with our Shower Ministry after serving for 12 years! Thank you, Chuck, for your dedication and commitment to this great ministry!

## & ONE MORE THING

**From the Reverend:** “I have been reading an old book from my library. “Leading the Congregation, Caring for yourself while Serving the People” by Norman Shawchuck. There are times when we get so involved in things that we lose our sight. Sometimes we forget our purpose and if we are not careful we become distracted. Distraction is a tool of the enemy. We cannot be distracted when being led by God. We must keep our hearts focused on Him and what He wants for us. God wants to see us flourish, create an environment where individuals can encounter the love of Christ and most of all Love Each Other.

My purpose is to be a leader and not a manager. Leaders are called to see that the Right things are done. Managers are concerned with making sure everything is done the Right Way. Leaders think in terms of renewal. Managers think in terms of maintenance.

Leaders have a vision and a passion that cannot be untamed. God has called me to be a leader and I have answered his call.” – Rev. Camille Pentsil

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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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**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**Urban Outreach >>**

Tempe First's shower ministry has been spoiled with volunteer help from ASU Interns, and now we need volunteers for the summer! The kitchen and clothing room need volunteers on both Mondays and Fridays. Come in and see how you can help! We need people in two shifts from 5:30-7:30am and another shift from 7:30-9:30 am, or come for the entire morning!

**Donations needed:**

coffee, bottled water, deodorant, hair clipper sets, and a toaster or two.

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**Vacation Bible School >>**

It's almost that time of year again! For hot days, and the school year to come to an end. That means it's time for us to plan for Vacation Bible School and minister to our children and our community. We have a full curriculum already picked out for the week of June 4-8, and we need many volunteers. Volunteer opportunities range from teachers, music leaders, crafts, decorations, and lots of snacks! If you would like to help out, please contact the church office or talk to Rev. Rosemary Anderson!

**FEATURED MINISTRY**

**I-HELP**

I-HELP is a partnership between Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) and local faith congregations that provides a nightly rotating homeless shelter for 35-40 adult individuals utilizing 11 host shelter sites. The goal is not only to provide for the immediate needs of homeless individuals, but also to offer them resources for finding employment and regaining self-sufficiency. They are provided a safe place to sleep every night in the hosting church and given a hot meal prepared by teams of faith community volunteers.

Tempe First serves as the host site every Sunday evening. Our guests arrive between 3:30 & 4:00pm. They have time to take showers before dinner is served. Several of our guests have jobs and are allowed to arrive later. They are all up early in the morning and assigned cleaning duties before leaving the church.

In the first quarter of 2018 (January-March), I-HELP:

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| 119 individuals were provided shelter               | 16 secured employment                       |
| 17 others were referred to other resources/shelters | 58 improved their health status             |
| 50 engaged in case management                       | 53 secured public benefits                  |
| 5 received vital documents                          | 14 received clothing vouchers               |
| 22 were placed into permanent housing               | 134 received assistance with transportation |

The Annual I-HELP 5K/1M Fun Run was held on Saturday, May 5. Proceeds will help make a difference to the homeless men and women who annually seek safety, shelter and support in their journey to regain independence and long-term self-sufficiency.

## TEMPE FIRST UMC: MAY 2018

### Sunday, May 6

8:00am Communion Service  
9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Tempe First Town Hall  
4:30pm I-HELP

### Monday, May 7

6:00am Urban Outreach

### Tuesday, May 8

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

### Wednesday, May 9

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 10

10:00am UMW Leadership Meeting  
7:00pm The Bible Study

### Friday, May 11

6:00am Urban Outreach  
7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

### Saturday, May 12

8:30am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class

### Sunday, May 13

8:00am Communion Service  
9:30am Worship Service  
4:30pm I-HELP

### Monday, May 14

6:00am Urban Outreach

### Tuesday, May 15

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey  
6:45pm Dinner & Dialogue

### Wednesday, May 16

10:00am Friendship Village Bible Study  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 17

10:00am Love Knots  
7:00pm The Bible Study

### Friday, May 18

6:00am Urban Outreach  
7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

### Saturday, May 19

10:00am Memorial Garden Service

### Sunday, May 20

8:00am Communion Service  
9:30am Worship Service – Staff Appreciation  
4:30pm I-HELP

### Monday, May 21

6:00am Urban Outreach  
2:00pm Monday Book Group  
4:30pm I-HELP

### Tuesday, May 22

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

### Wednesday, May 23

10:00am Friendship Village Bible Study  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 24

10:00am Unity Circle  
7:00pm The Bible Study

### Friday, May 25

6:00am Urban Outreach  
7:00pm AfterGlow Worship

### Saturday, May 26

8:30am Body Works: Tone & Stretch Class

### Sunday, May 27

8:00am Communion Service  
9:30am Worship Service  
4:30pm I-HELP

### Monday, May 28

6:00am Urban Outreach

### Tuesday, May 29

6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
9:30am Tears, Milk, and Honey

### Wednesday, May 30

10:00am Friendship Village Bible Study  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 31

7:00pm The Bible Study

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\*\*Calendar dates are subject to change,  
so be sure to check out our  
[up-to-date](http://tempefirstumc.org/calendar) calendar on our website at:  
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## Congratulations Graduates!

To all our members and their families that have a graduate this month, congratulations! We pray for many blessings and great opportunities in your future! A special congratulations to Noah Brown, who is graduating from ASU with his MArch degree in Architecture. Congrats!

