

The Channel

Week of August 18th to August 24th 2024

New and Exciting Thing Happening

Fall Wednesday Night Book Group

We live in a very polarizing time. How are we, as Christians, to live when there is so much conflict and division in our country and around the world? How can we show Christ's love toward people we have such strong disagreements with, even our enemies?

The book *Exclusion and Embrace* by Miroslav Volf addresses these questions and provides a vision of a way to be and act as followers of Jesus. It is a very biblical, extremely helpful, and challenging guide to many of the issues that we are facing.

Please join us this fall for an eight-week study of the book. We will meet on zoom on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30, starting the second week of September.

The first session will cover the introduction and chapter 1. The following weeks we will focus on a Bible story the author uses to illustrate and analyze the topics of the chapter. We'll cover Abraham, Cain and Abel, the Prodigal Son, and other stories.

If you have any questions feel free to email pastor Beth at pastor@ccumtucson.org or call the church office at 520-327-1116.

THE SHEPHERD

Don Finch and I are excited to bring to you a new service opportunity! We are calling it, "The Shepherd Program". Coming out of COVID, we as a congregation, need to find new ways to build connectional relationships. This is a great opportunity for you to share your gifts by helping people feel better connected to

their Church Family. Your duties are simply to call people, inquiring how they are doing. For example, over a two month period you have ten people to call. (A minimum of one time.).

Our Church Family is growing, and this is one of the many ways that can bring us into better connectional relationships. Please consider becoming part of this vital program. Again, Don and I are excited to bring you this wonderful opportunity. Questions, please don't hesitate to call Shawne at 520 275-6388.

Blessings,
Shawne Sidles

INVITATION TO FALL PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM WITH UNITED METHODIST DISCIPLESHIP

The Prayer Partner Project returns this fall for our global connection in the UMC offering an opportunity for spiritual growth and connection through prayer. Last year, we were blessed with 670 participants, and we're excited to see how our community grows this year. We're especially encouraging parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to invite young people to be their prayer partners, fostering intergenerational spiritual bonds.

Do you pray? How often do you pray? Do you want to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ? Do you want to have someone you can trust and with whom you can share? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, sign up for the Prayer Partner Project! You can register as an individual, or as your church or church group, such as United Women in Faith, a Bible study group, or a craft team. You'll choose a prayer partner (a friend, co-worker, family member, or neighbor within or outside the church). You and your prayer partner will decide how often to communicate and pray for each other.

Registration is open now until early September, and you can begin the prayer project at any time. Participants will receive an initial instructional email in early September. Once the project starts, you'll receive a biweekly Prayer Toolbox email containing prayer partner questions, activities, book recommendations, and links to helpful videos.

Register now at <https://mailchi.mp/umcdiscipleship/prayer-partner-project>

Save the Date!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JACK OLWINE

Save the date for October 12th at 1pm for a celebration of life for Jack Olwine
At Christ Church United Methodist in the Sanctuary

Updates for Kids!

One a month sunday school resumes **8/25**

Lay Servant Ministry

Listed below are the South District Lay Servant classes for Fall, 2024. All are available for registration on the Conference Web.

Link for registration: <https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

For those of you who live outside of Tucson - consider getting more than yourself to sign up for a class, carpool and share the expense of the gas.

Lay Servants **Discover Your Spiritual Gifts**
Foothills/Tucson ** New Class added

Facilitator: Pastor Mike Wilkerson

September 7th & 14th @ St Francis in the

Registration Deadline: August 31st

Lay Servants Lead in **Conflict Resolution**
Church/UM/Tucson

September 21st and 28th @ Christ

Facilitator: Pastor Beth Rambikur

Registration Deadline: September 13th

From Your Heart to Theirs: **Delivering an Effective Sermon**
UMC/Tucson

October 19th and 26th @ St Paul's

Facilitator: TBD

Registration Deadline: October 11th

Spanish Introduction to Lay Ministry (The Basic Course)
UMC/Tucson

October 19th and 26th @ Menlo Park

Facilitator: Pastor Anabel Quijada

Contact Gretchen Lofgren for registration

information

glofgren22@gmail.com

Introduction to Lay Ministry (**The Basic Course**)
UMC/Tucson

November 2nd and 9th @ St John's

Facilitator: Linda Sterling

Registration Deadline: October 25th

Questions may be addressed to one of the South District Co-Directors of Lay Servant Ministries
Gretchen Lofgren
glofgren22@gmail.com

Kelly Deyoe

kjdeyoe@cox.net

Campus Weekly/Monthly Going's On

All are welcome

Exercise Class held by Karen Messmore Every Monday and Thursday in Social Hall 10:30 to 11:30

Women at the Well meets every second Tuesday of the month in Social Hall 11:15AM
8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

Compassionate Friends meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month in Social Hall 6:00PM
8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11,

Helping Hands meets every third Wednesday of the month in Social Hall 9:30 AM

United Women in Faith meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Resuming in person in Social Hall, 9/11,
10/9, 11/13, 12/11

August Birthdays

08/01 Harold Stites

08/02 Janet Waugaman

08/05 Faye Droski

08/09 Brian Murray

08/11 Jackie Baldwin

Alisa Weems

JoAnn Powell

08/12 Honey Sanchez

08/14 Fred Jervis

08/18 Jim Entwistle

Kurt Reinke
08/20 Joe Barkenbush
08/29 Kay Hendricks
08/31 Paul Ford

If you don't see a Birthday that should be here call us at 520-327-1116 or email us at office@ccumtucson.org.

Stephen Ministry Corner

Stephen Ministers are available for prayer or simply for a listening ear.
Everything is confidential.

The Stephen Minister for the week of August 18th to July August 24th 2024
Grechen Lofgren 520-404-2268

Your Christ Church Stephen Ministers are: Ellie Adams, Georgia Carmichael,
Cat Reinke, Bob Stoebe and Carol Swango. Your Stephen Ministry
Leaders are: Michael Edwards, and Shawne Sidles,
Do you need someone to help you through a crisis (no matter how large or small)?
Christ Church Stephen Ministers are here for you. **Everything discussed with a
Stephen Minister is always completely confidential.**

THE POWER OF PRAYER

No ocean can hold it back
No river can overtake it.
No whirlwind can go faster.
No army can defeat it.
No law can stop it.
No distance can slow it.
No disease can cripple it.
No force on earth is more powerful or effective than
THE POWER OF PRAYER

AMEN

Prayers

In your mercy Lord, hear our prayers.

Earlene Ridge asks us to pray for her granddaughter, Courtney Hale. Courtney has 3 small children at home and is dealing with a lot of personal issues, including post partem and home renovations. Prayers for peace in her days and God's strength to get through one day at a time.

Tom & Karen Messmore for Joe Delapast - God's healing of body, mind and spirit. For Arnie Aros - cancer treatment.

Marie Zoellner - For all teachers & students for a good school year.

JoAnn & Angela Powell for Joyce Anderson in rehab at the Benson hospital. For Jamie Apodaca - cancer and healing and caregivers in family -strength

Ned & Ellie Adams for Ellie's sister, Suzanne, recovering from hip surgery in Florida.

Henry Parra for son & daughter-in-law, Michael & Jessica.

Bob & Betty Rice for grandson-in-law, Clay, recuperating from a heart attack in Texas.

Brad & Ric Biddlecome - For Tom Owens, Jim Roush, Rev. Beth

A note from Helen Gilbert – Good morning Christ Church family and friends! Thank you for praying for me! I am praying for the family of Jack Olwine and Joe D. in the hospital. Happy August and monsoon blessings! Blessings, Shalome, and Love, Helen.

JoAnn Powell asks prayers for Joyce Anderson who lost feeling on her right side and has surgery this morning (Thursday, August 15). Prayers for her and the surgical team.

Praise and Prayer updates

Marie Zoellner for the recent rains.

Henry Parra for my new apartment!

Harold & Sharon Stites praise thanks to all who helped Harold celebrate his 90th birthday on August 1st with cards, calls & all kinds of greetings.

Many thanks to a church member - Joe Delapast's phone is working again and he no longer needs another phone.

In Care Homes: Donna Taylor, Ned Adams, Barbara Parkinson, Jane Hammond

Continued Prayers: Jan Syers, Jim Baish, Joe Jameson, Sam & Peggy Scalzo, Helen Gilbert, Paula Schade

Homebound Members: Christine Gorder, Honey Sanchez, Lenora Rozelle, Diana Cawelti, Doris Brown

Mission Hard at Work

Our Food Bank has been hard
at work this year already.

They have served 4,607 people as of June 2024
This time last year they served 3,869. That is
738 more than last year!

Whew, so they are asking for our help with following

Canned Soup

Canned Fruit

Cereal

Jelly

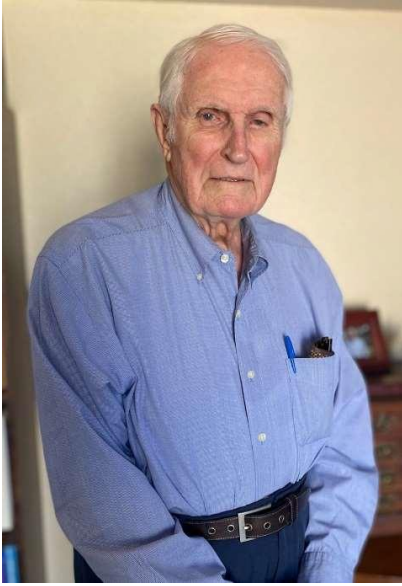
Any Hygiene items

Plastic or reusable shopping bags

Plastic Forks and spoons.

Also

We need a food handler volunteer for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of every month. The job involves packing food into wagons and helping clients choose their items. Moderate lifting, up to 25lbs or more. And lots of time standing. We ask volunteers to work from 8:45-12:15.



John Clayton Olwine Jr. (“Jack”) passed peacefully at home, on May 13, 2024.

Jack was born June 11, 1928, in Orange, NJ. He was the eldest of three children: Robert Walter Olwine and Mary Elizabeth Olwine Fisk (“Betsy”).

Jack received a degree in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University in 1950. Like his father, John C. Olwine Sr, Jack was a member of the Chi Phi Fraternity, and was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America. Following college, Jack served 4 years in the Army in Aberdeen, MD.

Jack was a gentle, caring man who was loved by so many. Jack loved to cook and had extensive culinary talents. He also loved the NYT crossword puzzle, which he completed every day, in ink, for as long as we can remember.

Jack married his love, Lucie Gibert Whitescarver on October 18, 1952. Jack and Lucie had four children: Catherine Jay Whittaker, Lucie Gibert Olwine, John Clayton Olwine, III, Ruth Blakely Ahlers.

Jack was employed as an air and gas compressor salesman, until retirement. Jack and Lucie raised their family mostly in Maplewood, NJ. Jack’s job also relocated them to North Andover, MA, Valparaiso, IN and Houston, TX. Jack and Lucie retired to Tucson, AZ in 1993.

Jack and Lucie were active members of Christ Church United Methodist in Tucson. Throughout the years Jack taught Sunday school and bible study. Jack also volunteered with the Ministries of Christ Church, including Meals for Primavera Homeless Shelter and the Amnesty program.

Jack is survived by his sister: Mary Elizabeth (“Betsy”) Fisk of Baltimore, MD; his children: Lucie Gibert Olwine of Chino Valley, AZ, John Clayton Olwine III of Flagstaff, AZ, Ruth Blakely Ahlers (Daniel) of Lafayette, CO; his grandchildren: Frances Whittaker, Henry Whittaker, Clara Osborne, Forrest Osborne, Ambrose Ahlers, Owen Ahlers and Perrin Ahlers; family friend Margaret “Margie” Matter of Tucson, AZ and several close nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Jack will take place Saturday October 12, 2024, 1pm, at Christ Church United Methodist, 655 N. Craycroft Road, Tucson, AZ 85711. Donations may be made to Missions of Christ Church United Methodist, Tucson.

Office News

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 to 4:00

The office is closed on Fridays

Pondering Thoughts:

Keep smiling and one day Life
will get tired of upsetting you.

8 things to remember!

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Everyone's journey is different
3. Overthinking will lead to sadness
4. Happiness is found within
5. Kindness is free
6. You only fail if you quit
7. What goes around comes around
8. Smiles are contagious