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September 26, 2021

9:30AM



On October 3, 2021, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We will collect an offering for World Communion Sunday as it is one of six Special Sundays that United Methodist Churches support. Fifty percent of the offering supports the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the other fifty percent supports the World Communion Scholarship Leadership Development Program administered by the General Board of Global Ministries.

Please join us next week to celebrate this Special Sunday. We look forward to this celebration each year when we participate in holy communion together and share our gifts to support racial-ethnic students and trainees in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church. Your gifts provide scholarships for ethnic students and trainees from the U.S. and around the world. Thank you.

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Lay Leader	Bucky Bethancourt
Organist/Pianist	Jeanette Young
Liturgist	Ellen Bloom

## Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

# Community



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## GATHERING

PRELUDE:

GATHERING AND GREETING

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Threshold Music: Rule of Life

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: <sup>i</sup>

Liturgist: We come here today not because we are clever  
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**People: We come here not because we are wise,  
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

Liturgist: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found  
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,  
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come  
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**People: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts  
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

\*HYMN: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1-3) #126

\*OPENING PRAYER:

\*PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*All are invited to greet those around you with smiles, waves, etc.*

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE: James 3:1-12 (The Message)

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME: Jesus Loves Me This I Know (v. 1) #191

(\*Please rise in spirit or in body.)

MEDITATION: Based on Proverbs 1:20-33 (The Message)

HYMN: More Like You TFWS #2167

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor: Source of all wisdom and love, may the words of my mouth

**People: and the meditations of all of our hearts, be acceptable in your  
sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

MESSAGE: The Perils of Speech Rev. Ann Lyter

WE RESPOND

PRAYER TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TFWS #2201

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER:

OFFERINGS:

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE VENTURE FORTH

\*HYMN: Take My Life, and Let It Be #399

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION SONG: Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557, v. 1 and:

And as we leave this place Into the world we're sent  
To share this love with every face, Amen, O God, Amen

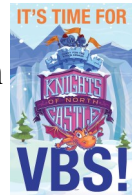
\*POSTLUDE:

## Announcements

**Wiggle Wednesdays:** The idea is we gather at the church on Wednesdays at 10 am in Burgess Hall. We will have easy and fun things to do, like yoga or chair yoga, walking, or simple stretches. We will keep it simple enough for beginners with modifications for those who want to take it a step up or take a step back. We will try different things until we find something we want to focus on. When the weather suits, we may meet outside. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes, comfortable clothes you can move in. Please bring a water bottle, preferably a refillable one. Masks will be required.

**Choir is back:** Regular Wednesday rehearsals are at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend choir rehearsals! If you love to sing or just love music, there is a place for you in the SUMC Choir.

**VBS is coming:** Save the date for VBS October 11-15 from 9:00-11:30 AM. **Volunteers are needed as Group Leaders, or help with Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Science, Recreation and Snack time.** Contact Chris Alter at 602-206-1520.



**SAVE THE DATE:** All church conference for Scottsdale UMC is scheduled for November 2 at 6:30 pm am in AC1 for the purpose of conducting the business of the charge as required by the 2016 Book of Discipline. This is a charge conference, which means only members of the church council may vote. Members of the church are welcome to attend and speak but will not have vote.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Would you be interested in a more detailed study of the Book of James? Pastor Ann would like to lead a study, based on the book *James in the Suburbs* by April Love-Fordham. This study has 12 sessions which could be taught as a weekly study over 3 months (or every other week over 6 months). If we have 5 people who will commit to the study, Pastor Ann will begin the study the week of September 12 (exact day and time TBD).

**Friday, October 22 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 23 8:00 a.m. to Noon**

Ready to enjoy the camaraderie that makes working on the rummage sale so much fun? And accomplish so much for our church missions at the same time? There are many ways you can help:

**FIRST - SETUP:** Saturday, October 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will prepare Burgess Hall for the big event, remove chairs, assemble the clothes racks, arrange the tables and prepare the Boutique.

**SECOND -START BRINGING YOUR STUFF:** Sunday, October 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. *We want what you don't!!!* And check with friends and neighbors! Bring it to the church. It's all tax deductible. If you can't bring it to the church yourself, give Chris Alter a call, 602-206-1520, for pickup arrangements. We also need volunteers to sort/organize items being brought in that afternoon.

**Pickup of heavy items** will be **only Monday and Tuesday**, October 18 and 19.

Please remember that **the last day to donate things** is **Wednesday**, October 20—the final sorting and pricing needs to be done on Thursday.

**THIRD – ORGANIZE, SORT AND PRICE:** Monday, October 18 through Thursday, October 21 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Help and have your chance to be the very first to see the “treasures” that have been donated and the opportunity to have first “dibs”. Yep, your opportunity to be the very first to buy some of this amazing stuff. *Be there all day, every day, or be there whenever you can*—every little bit helps.

**FOURTH - RUMMAGE SALE:** Your help is needed these two days. Work the checkout tables (to total purchases, collect money and bag items), walk the floor (keeping tables neat and answering questions), assist outside, and help customers load large purchases.

Friday, October 22 from 8:00 am to noon, noon to 4:00 pm

Saturday, October 23 from 8:00 am to noon

**AND LAST - CLEAN UP:** Saturday, October 23 from noon to 3:30 pm. We'll load all the unsold items into a Goodwill truck or a van from the Justa Center. Remove the tables and clothes racks and return Burgess Hall and the kitchen to their original condition.