

# The Prospector

## *Food, Faith, Friends*

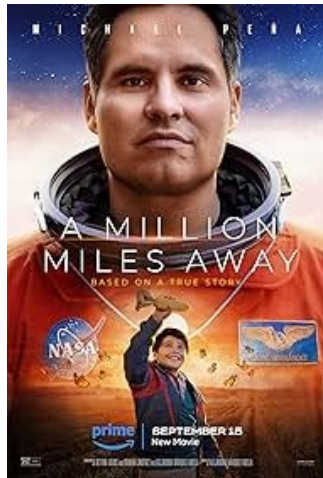


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**Food, Faith, Friends:** Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, August 6, from 11:30-1:00 pm. We will be serving a pasta bar, salad, bread, and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet, or contact the church office at 480-946-5301. Suggested donation for the food is \$5.00.

**Food, Faith, Friends:** Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, August 20, from 11:15-1:30 pm. We will be having pizza, salad, popcorn, and dessert. Please arrive by 11:15 am to get your food and seat so we can start the movie at 11:30 am. We will be showing the movie "A Million Miles Away". The movie details the life of the first migrant worker to go to space. The film is based on the true story of José Hernández, a Mexican-American who overcomes the odds to become an astronaut. Hernández' parents were both migrant workers and he spent a good portion of his childhood doing the same. He overcame many challenges to become a member of the Space Shuttle mission STS-128. He also co-developed the first mammogram. There is a sign-up sheet for the movie or contact the church office at 480-946-5301. Suggested donation for the food is \$5.00.



## *Pastor's Pen*

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.*

The 2024 Olympics in Paris are underway! The best of the best athletes in each sport train for years to earn a chance to compete for their country. Some of you may have watched the opening ceremonies as the athletes from each country paraded down the Seine River in boats. Some of you may be watching the medal counts to see which country has the most gold medals. Some of you may be watching your favorite sports or favorite athletes on TV or through other news media and cheering them on.

One athlete in particular has caught my attention this year. His name is Stephen Nedoroscik and he is a US gymnast.

In men's gymnastics, there are six rotations--vault, floor exercise, horizontal bar, parallel bars, pommel horse, and rings. Most gymnasts practice to improve their skills on all six. However, Stephen realized that he would never master all six. Therefore, he made the bold decision to master only one--the pommel horse. Most gymnasts find the pommel horse to be the most difficult of the six rotations. For years, he's practiced this one rotation. He was chosen for the US Men's Gymnastics team because they needed a strong score on this event if they hoped to earn a medal.

At the Paris Olympics, the pommel horse was the last rotation for the US men's gymnastics team. If Nedoroscik performed well, the US could earn a medal. But a poor performance would mean the team would go home empty handed yet again this year. Amid extreme pressure, Nedoroscik performed well on the pommel horse, securing a Bronze medal for the US men's gymnastic team--their first since 2008.

Even though he knew he'd never be the best overall gymnast, Nedoroscik continued to train hoping he'd be chosen to be part of the team. He needed a team to be able to compete and the team needed a strong member to win a medal. His gamble paid off!

Similarly, the Apostle Paul describes the Church as the Body of Christ. We are a team working together for the transformation of the world. We need one another if we are to succeed in that mission. As Christians, our task is not to try and be great at everything. If we try to do so, we may end up mediocre at everything. However, it is our responsibility to sharpen and utilize the skills that God has given us to the best of our ability. When everyone brings the skills they have, we are successful in our mission.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jamie

## *Housing Update*

Greetings SUMC Congregation:

For the sake of congregational transparency, I (Bucky) am writing to keep you updated regarding the progress we are making regarding building affordable housing on our church campus. Not all of you are able to see or hear about the progress which has occurred recently.

During the month of March, we had our campus property appraised. The purpose of this appraisal was to provide us with the current market value of our land. Also in March, an evaluation of the buildings on our campus was performed. This also provided us with information regarding the condition of the parking lot pavement, curbing, walkways, landscaping, outdoor lighting, fencing, and signage on our property. This report showed we need significant improvements to 2 of our 3 existing buildings.

In June, we retained legal counsel with Church Leadership Team Approval to guide us through the many legal complexities during this redevelopment. Attorney Bob Brown has several decades of experience in real estate transactions and assisting churches with legal matters. He comes highly recommended and has worked with other churches who built affordable housing on their campuses.

In July, the underground utilities locators decorated our parking lots, walkways and driveways with multi-colored stripes. These marks have already been power washed off after their documentation. Also during July, our property was surveyed so that the precise amount of acreage, slope of our land and property borders have been documented. Then soil samples were taken to assure that no contamination existed underground. This procedure was done quickly and without any interruption to the daily routine of the church or daycare. This necessary preliminary testing and measuring has all been paid for by the developer.

During August, you will receive a congregational survey in your bulletin. Please fill it out and return it to Jan Johnson by August 30, 2024. We want congregational input regarding the design of the apartment buildings and our church campus.

As we pursue this important mission, please continue to pray for a bright future for our church as God's presence in the Scottsdale community.

## *Save the Dates for September*

September 3-FFF Pizza and the movie *Unsung Hero*

September 14-Fieldtrip **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Marston Exploration Theater at ASU 3D Astronomy Show \$8 senior/military and \$11 general admission and lunch at Genghis Grill Tempe Marketplace.

September 17-Charge Conference at 10 am and FFF Mexican food for lunch

## *Vista del Camino*

Vista del Camino Food Bank could use cereal or anything on the posted list.

**They can also use paper grocery bags to use for their senior bags every week.**

**Thank you for your continued support of Vista del Camino.**

Vista is in need of these items:

**\*\*Canned meat (tuna, chicken), prepared meals (chili, ravioli), beans and fruit.**

Various toiletries are also needed:

**\*\*Diapers (sizes 3,4 &5)**

**\*\*Baby food**

**\*\*Baby Wipes**

**\*\*Disposable razors**

**\*\*Paper towels**

**\*\*Toilet paper**

**\*\*Soap**



## *August Fieldtrip and Lunch*

**August Fieldtrip and Lunch:** On Friday, August 16, we will go to Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park, 1300 N. College Ave., Tempe. The cost for this event is \$13.00 for seniors and veterans, and \$15.00 general admission.

Tucked against the beautiful Papago Park preserve, the Arizona Heritage Center is an oasis in the desert. In the heart of the Valley of the Sun, take the family to discover how the sprawling Phoenix metropolis began.

- See a World War II AT-6 training airplane
- Snap a selfie with a Bob's Big Boy statue
- Investigate unique rocks, gems, and minerals
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at the construction of Roosevelt Dam
- Learn about Camp Papago Park, a World War II POW Camp

We will meet at the church at 9:45 am for those who would like to carpool so that we can arrive there at 10:00 am. We will have lunch at George's Famous Gyros at 7620 E. McKellips Road, Suite 6 at 11:45 am. There is a sign-up sheet available for this event or contact the church office (480) 946-5301.



## *Charge Conference*

**Charge Conference:** Our annual charge conference will occur on Tuesday, September 17. The SPRC and Church Leadership Team will meet at 9 AM in Burgess Hall. The all church conference will be at 10 AM in the Chapel. This is the annual business meeting of the church. This meeting will be followed by lunch. A \$5 donation is recommended.

# August Birthdays

## Happy Birthday



08/01 Lisa Martin	08/12 David Smith	08/07 Ed & Jean Zimmerman
08/09 Laura Felton	08/21 Jim Laird	08/08 Ron & Sherri Bryant
08/13 Anita Horton	08/30 Mark Babbitt	08/13 Joe & Liz Zveglich
08/13 Mary Chiappetti		08/14 John & Norma Munson
		08/28 Mike & Jean Hays

# Worship with Bryant



**Baby Pew Watchers:** We are looking for people to sign up to watch Bryant while Jamie is leading service. This would mean coming in at 8:45 am on Sunday morning to touch base with Jamie on any needs for Bryant and then taking over so she can finish preparing for worship. Bryant likes to bounce in his bouncer and sit on the floor to play. Feed him a bottle if necessary and just keep him entertained. There is a calendar available to sign up on or contact the church office at 480-946-5301.

# Prospector Deadline

## **PROSPECTOR DEADLINE**

*August 18 for the  
September issue*

**Please have all items in to the office by the above date to ensure they are included.**

# Prayers For Churches

We ask that you keep these specific churches in your prayers throughout the month.

## **Please Pray for:**

- Dayspring UMC, Tempe
- Desert Mission UMC, Scottsdale
- First UMC, Mesa
- Song of Life UMC, Queen Creek

## *Justa Center*

### **JUSTA CENTER NEEDS YOU!!!**

Justa Center is having a hard time maintaining a supply of food for sack lunches.

The lunches are for the homeless moving into independent living.

There has been an increase of those moving into housing which has depleted the food supply.

Let's step up and support **Justa Center** by raising funds in the month of **August**.

There will be a separate collection made each Sunday in August.

If you want to write a check, make check out to the **SUMC with Justa Center-UWF** in the memo line.

\$200 is our goal.

Blessings to you.

UWF Exec Committee

## *Office Closed*

The office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observation of Labor Day.



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