

# The Prospector

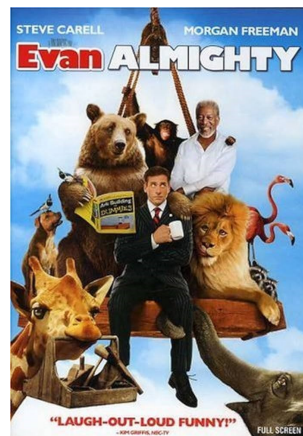
## *Food, Faith, Friends*



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**Food, Faith, Friends:** Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, May 7, from 11:30-1:00 pm. We will be serving BBQ chicken sandwiches, mac & cheese, salad and dessert. Suggested donation for the food is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet available for this event or contact the church office (480)946-5301.



**Food, Faith, Friends:** Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, May 21, 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 "Evan Almighty". Newscaster Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) leaves Buffalo behind when

he wins a seat in Congress. Moving his wife (Lauren Graham) and family to northern Virginia, he seems to have it made, then God (Morgan Freeman) throws a crisis of biblical proportions at his feet: God wants him to build an ark and line up all the animals two-by-two in preparation for a flood.

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

Sing to the LORD a new song because he has done wonderful things!  
His own strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory! -Psalm 98:1

Music has been part of nearly every church worship service that I've ever attended. Music has a way of helping us connect with God in ways that spoken word and other spiritual disciplines do not. We, as people who worship God, understand what it means to sing to the Lord.

Do you know that there are directions for singing in our Hymnal? In one of the first pages, before all of our beloved hymns and liturgies, you'll find these directions. They were first included in the 1761 publication *Select Hymns, a hymnbook for early Methodists*. *They've been included in every United Methodist Hymnal since.*

There are seven of these rules. If you want to read them in their entirety, you're welcome to pick up a hymnal and do so the next time you are at church. However, I want to highlight a couple of these rules for our consideration.

III. Sing All. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.

IV. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength.

VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your Heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

We take these hymns for granted today, but most of them were new in John Wesley's day. After all, Charles was writing them. These songs were a *change to what the early Methodists were used to.*

As they faced this change, Wesley offered these practical directions. I wonder how these directions might instruct as the church is changing to meet the needs of our current world. Instruction III focuses on the importance of everyone's participation. Instruction IV encourages the people called Methodists to face this change with good courage--to give it everything they had. The final direction clears up the purpose for this change in worship; It's all about glorifying God.

As we look for ways to be the Church and glorify God in our second 100 years, may we meet these new prospects with good courage.

## *Redevelopment Update*

The Redevelopment Team invites you to a congregational meeting on May 5 in Burgess Hall shortly after worship concludes. During the All Church Conference in October 2023, the congregation voted to form a Redevelopment Team to come up with some recommendations regarding the possibility of housing on the church's campus.

The team has discovered that a project of this type is feasible on the campus. The congregation does not have the expertise and skills it needs to complete a project of this size. Therefore, the team is recommending that the church partner with a real estate development company who has the expertise and bandwidth to complete a project of this size. Pastor Jamie and Bucky met with five potential partners and the Redevelopment Team interviewed three of them. After these interviews, the Redevelopment Team is recommending Gorman and Company. Gorman is the largest affordable housing developer in the State of Arizona. Representatives from this company will be present at the meeting.

Note, this congregational meeting will focus solely upon the choice of a development partner. This is a long process and we are still in the beginning steps of this process. No decisions have been made about building plans, etc. The Redevelopment Team will share more information with the congregation as it becomes available.

We will hold an all Church Conference on May 19. This will occur in the chapel immediately after church. At this meeting all church members can vote regarding whether or not to accept the Redevelopment Team's recommendation to proceed with Gorman as our redevelopment partner.

# Church Conference May 19, 2024



February 29, 2024

Rev. Jamie Booth  
Scottsdale United Methodist Church  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Dear Jamie,

This letter is to authorize Scottsdale United Methodist Church of Scottsdale, Arizona, to hold a Church Conference on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at approximately 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this Church Conference is to have a congregational vote regarding the redevelopment team’s recommendation to sign an MOU with Gorman and Company as their exclusive developer for the church’s housing redevelopment project. It is understood that Rev. Melissa Rynders will preside over this Church Conference.

Please send minutes of the meeting as well as any documents or PowerPoints used during the Church Conference to the following:

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Desert Southwest Conference  
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Phoenix, AZ 85064

Grace and peace,

Rev. Melissa Rynders,  
East District Missional Strategist and Superintendent

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## May Fieldtrip and Lunch



**Fieldtrip and Lunch:** On Friday, May 17, we will go to the Musical Instrument Museum at 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix. Explore the world's music and cultures at the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM). MIM takes you on a journey around the world, deep

into the heart of human creativity. Rated Phoenix's #1 attraction by TripAdvisor, MIM displays more than 6,800 musical instruments and objects from every corner of the globe. MIM's five Geographic Galleries showcase global music and cultures through multimedia that allows you to hear, see, and feel the creative spirit of people as they play their instruments. In the Experience Gallery, bang a gong, strum a Peruvian harp, try your hand at the theremin, and have fun making some music on global instruments similar to ones on display throughout the museum. Visit the Artist Gallery to get a close-up look at instruments and memorabilia from influential artists, such as Elvis Presley®, Ravi Shankar, Carlos Santana, Clara Rockmore, Johnny Cash, Maroon 5, and more. The cost for the museum is \$20. We have 4 free tickets available for May 17 for anyone that would like to enter their name to be drawn for a chance to win. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am for those who would like to carpool so that we can arrive there at 9:30 am. We will have lunch at Café Allegro inside the museum at 11:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet available for this event or contact the church office (480) 946-5301.

## EVMC



This year's meals for the East Valley Men's Center were completed last month with many thanks and returns for seconds, sometimes thirds, from the men we served.

We are signed up for January 2nd, February 6th, March 6th, and April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 making over 17 years of

SUMC serving the men at the center. We want to thank everyone who donated money, turkey and cookies, and all of the volunteers who shopped, helped us cook, or served our turkey tetrazzini, salad, fruit cocktail and cookie meals: **Pat Bryant, Jean Hayes, Lisa Martin, Ellen Bloom, Carol and Ed Crist, Nancy Scholfield and sister, Chris Alter, Barbara Conner, Jan Johnson, and Bev Aldrich.** Some folks helped in some way every month, some helped more than once or tried each job. You are all wonderful and we are truly blessed to have such giving and caring people in our midst! More than once we were told how grateful the men are for such a tasty, complete, hot meal.

THANK YOU!!!!

Liz and Joe Zveglich



# May Birthdays

## Happy Birthday



05/04 Darlene Bell

05/15 Jan Johnson

05/18 Bob & Anne Hedges

05/05 Anne Hedges

05/15 Mary Wepprecht

05/29 Chris & Wendy Sanders

# Worship with Bryant



**Baby Pew Watchers:** As you are aware Pastor Jamie has her 2 grandsons living with her, Hunter, 6, and Bryant, 6 months. While she is leading service, she needs someone to watch Bryant. This would mean coming in at 9:15 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 sit in the stroller and be rocked back and forth. Feed him a bottle if necessary and just keep him entertained.

There is a calendar available to sign up on in Bowe Center or contact the church office at 480-946-5301.

# Prospector Deadline

## PROSPECTOR DEADLINE

*May 18th for the*

*June 2024 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:

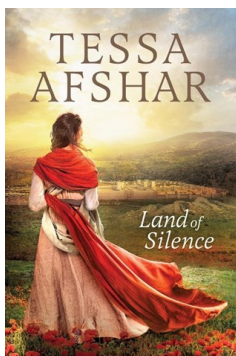
Wesley & Golden Gates Community Centers, Phoenix

Wesley Foundation at ASU, Tempe

UMOM New Day Center, Phoenix

Justa Center, Phoenix

## *UWF Book Review*



Before she stole healing by touching the hem of his garment . . . Elianna is a young girl crushed by guilt. After her only brother is killed while in her care, Elianna tries to earn forgiveness by working for her father's textile trade and caring for her family. When another tragedy places Elianna in sole charge of the business, her talent for design brings enormous success, but never the absolution she longs for. As her world unravels, she breaks off her betrothal to the only man she will ever love. Then illness strikes, isolating Elianna from everyone, stripping everything she has left.

No physician can cure her. No end is in sight. Until she hears whispers of a man whose mere touch can heal. After so many years of suffering and disappointment, is it possible that one man could redeem the wounds of body . . . and soul?

This book is in the spiritual growth category of the UWF book list. SUMC library is open during church hours and can be opened on Sunday morning upon request.

## *Annual Conference Mission*

### **You Can Make A Difference in May!!**

When you were young, did you ever want to become a missionary like the Otto sisters who served in Africa for over 40 years? Or participate in a youth mission trip like Laura Lindsey Felten? Most of us will never be able become a missionary in the traditional sense, but you do have an opportunity to feed the poor and provide comfort for those who are lonely and afraid.

This year's Annual Conference Mission Project is monetary donations to support the **Asylum Aid and Border Ministries Fund**. This fund provides financial support to our Methodist churches who are engaged in asylum and border mission work, helping people who come from all over the world to the United States, seeking asylum and safety from human predators

For all the Sundays in May, there will be a collection for **Asylum Aid and Border Ministries Fund**. You will have the opportunity to donate much needed money by dropping your contribution in the collection pot pulled in a wagon by Hunter on Sunday morning. The collection pot will be in the church office for giving during the week. The amount given will be totaled each week and published in the bulletin. No matter how small the amount given, every little bit helps.



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