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MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER AT TEMPE FIRST UMC



CULTURALLY COMPETENT COMMUNITY

Last month, 52 of us gathered for the cultural competency workshop with pastor Adriana Hernandez. We spent the morning learning about each other and the cultures we bring to every space we encounter. The first of five, we look forward to the next workshops that will help us grow more inclusively as a church.

We believe that God is calling us to create and represent the fullness of the Kin_dom of God, in all of it's richness, complexion, and diversity. It is deeply joyful and wonderfully exciting when we live in the wide breadth of the people God loves and we love putting God's love for the world into action! Join our movement!

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The Sanctuary Choir leads a beautiful cantata to lead us into Holy Week. Director Dennis Warren with Heidi Hansen on the piano and Gabbie Wong on the oboe again proved their gifts and talent in serving Christ through the music ministry of the church.

We wrapped up the hybrid lenten study on Adam Hamilton's "The Walk, 5 Essential Practices." Aimed with the disciplines of worship, study, serve, give, and share, we covenant with each other to live fully into these disciplines as we walk along with Christ toward the cross, the grave, and life eternal.





LILLY CLERGY RENEWAL GRANT PROGRAM SPECIAL SUMMER SERIES - "HOME"

From May 21st thru July 30th, we will have a series of opportunities to hear from guest preachers speaking on the theme of "HOME" as Pastor Paul takes his renewal leave to make his pilgrimage HOME to S. Korea and Japan.

Join us Onsite or Online.

Visit with the guest preachers after worship.

Invite a friend throughout the series.

Let's work to make Tempe First a home for all.

5/21 - Rev. Efrain Zavala

5/28 - Stacia Duncan (Certified Candidate)

6/04 - Rev. Javier Olivares (W District Superintendent)

6/11 - Pastor Rob Lee (UMOM Chaplain)

6/18 - Rev. Amanda Corella

6/25 - Rev. Jerry Haas Pt.1

7/02 - Rev. Jerry Haas Pt.2

7/09 - Rev. Tina Marie Rees (Practical Life Counseling)

7/16 - Dr. Rev. Mark Lansberry

7/23 - Pastor Gina Pollard

7/30 - Director Heather Cordon (Valley Wesley)

*Brought to you by the Lilly Implementation Team
Carolyn Watson, Tonia Smith, Bev Keefer, & Charlie Schock*



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We are doing our best to faithfully steward the gifts you have offered God through Tempe First United Methodist Church. We have recently finished renovations in Ross Hall and rededicated the space for ministry. Thank you for choosing Tempe First UMC to be the vessel of God's love and grace to this world. We cannot do it without your support.

Financial Snap Shot (Feb/2023)

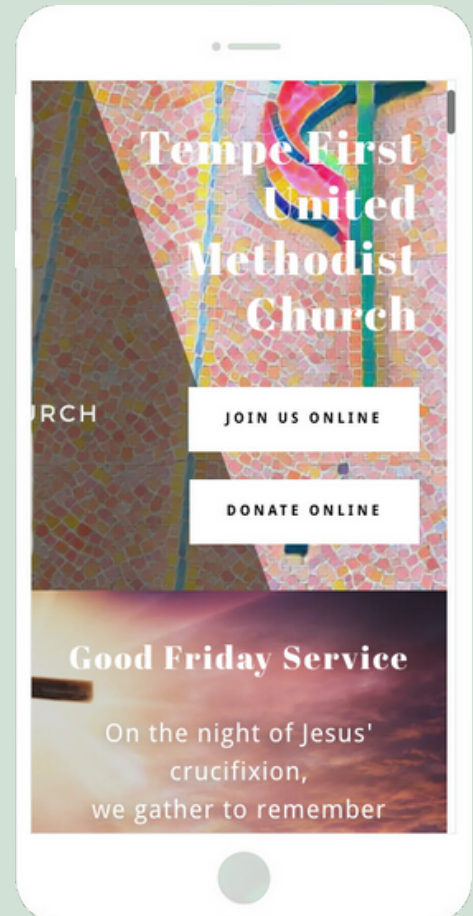
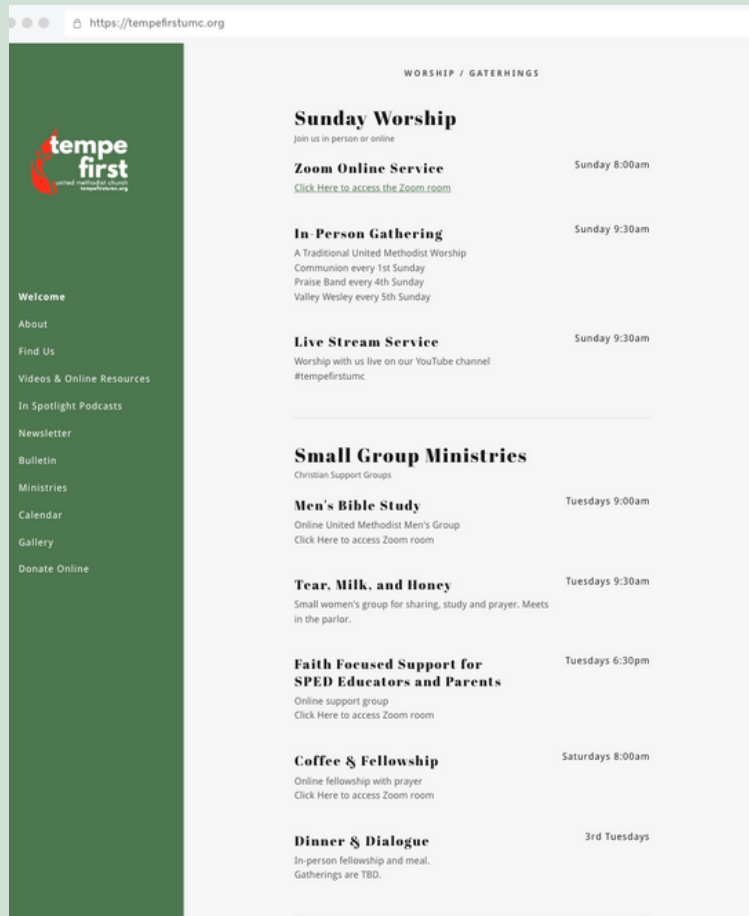
Contributions: \$38,817 Parking: \$24,858

Total Income: \$63,718 Total Expense: \$35,670

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GATHERINGS & LINKS

Visit www.tempefirstumc.org to view ministry gathering times, locations, and links to join.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & KEY DATES

- 4/7 Good Friday Service (6:30PM - Sanctuary)
- 4/9 Easter Day Break Service (5:45AM - A Mountain Saddle)
- 4/9 Easter Service (8:00AM - Online, 9:30AM - Onsite)
- 4/10 Office Closed - (Easter Monday)
- 4/15 Celebration of Life Service for Sandra Spracale (10AM - Sanctuary)
- 4/18 Women in Faith - Feed Valley Wesley (4:30PM-6:00PM | meet at church & walk across the street, to eat at Chuck Box or Chop Shop)
- 4/22 Boomers - Earth Day at Boyce Thompson Arboretum (9:00AM-11:00AM, Tickets \$19 each | 37615 E. Arboretum Way, Superior 85173 | <https://btarboretum.org> | will eat after the walk)
- 4/23 Native American Sunday
- 4/27 Women in Faith - Bible Study on Matthew 5:3-12 (1:30PM-3:00PM - Parlor | Understanding role as peacemakers & justice seekers)
- 4/30 Valley Wesley Dedication Service
- 5/6 Women in Faith - Spring Tea (11:00AM-1:00PM - Ross Hall | Light lunch & musical program; inviting all women of the church)