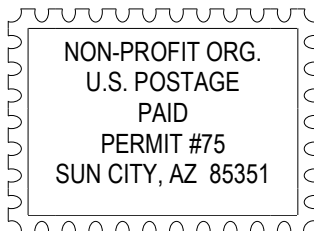




**WILLOWBROOK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
19390 NORTH 99TH AVENUE  
SUN CITY AZ 85373-1102



WORSHIP SUNDAY at 9:30 a.m.  
2nd & 4th SUNDAY at 11:00 a.m.  
SATURDAY at 5:00 p.m.



**WEEKLY PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS**

MON Intercessory Prayer 2:00 pm—Library Lounge  
WED New Beginnings 9:30 am—Library Lounge  
WED Art & Soul 9:30 am—Wilson Fellowship Hall

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Thu—8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Fri—8:30 a.m.—Noon

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sabbath Celebration  
Saturday  
5:00 p.m.—In the Sanctuary  
...  
Sunday Worship  
9:30 a.m.—In the Sanctuary  
...  
Mosaic Worship  
11:00 a.m.—In the Sanctuary  
2nd and 4th Sunday



**DEADLINE FOR the SEPTEMBER, 2016  
Good News is AUGUST 5, 2016**



[www.willowbrookumc.org](http://www.willowbrookumc.org)

**Willowbrook United Methodist Church**

**OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER**

*The ministers of this church are its members;  
those who assist them are:*

**Dedicated Lay Ministry - Stephen Ministry**

- Gary Kennedy - Senior Pastor
- Sande Kimbel - Associate Pastor
- Steve Marshall - Associate Pastor
- Dr. Robb Butler - Music Director
- Shara-Dawn Chambers - Organist
- Loretta Nash - Sabbath Musician
- Russ Koan - Lay Leader



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**GOOD NEWS**

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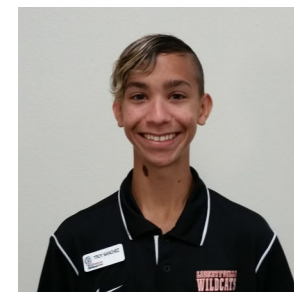
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 a.m.—Noon, Friday  
(closed 12 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch)  
(623) 974-5637 FAX: (623) 933-5466  
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E-mail address: [bev@willowbrookumc.org](mailto:bev@willowbrookumc.org)

**Welcome New Willowbrookers!**

(Photos Courtesy of Rev. Steve Marshall)



Shirley Connelly  
Home State: MO  
Joined: June 26, 2016

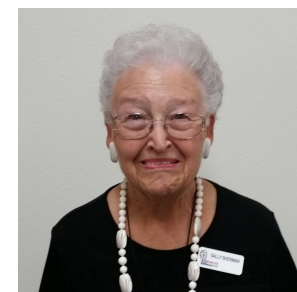


Troy Sanchez  
Home State: IL  
Joined: June 26, 2016



**CELEBRATING OUR PASTORS**

There was a festive atmosphere following worship recently as we celebrated Rev. Sande's ordination and the re-appointment of our pastoral staff. [Pictured L-R: Rev. Steve Marshall, Rev. Sande Kimbel, Rev. Gary Kennedy] The pastors wore robes and stoles for the special occasion as Pastor Sande wore hers for the first time. You can view more photos in the Gallery section on the church website [www.willowbrookumc.org](http://www.willowbrookumc.org).



Sally Sherman  
Home State: OR  
Joined: June 26, 2016



**Thursday, August 11  
11:45 a.m.**

**Wilson Fellowship Hall**

**VETERANS FURNITURE CENTER—VFC**

VFC is where veterans with a newly acquired place to live can get free furniture and household items for their residence. Whether coming off the streets, from transitional housing (MANA house, US Vets, etc) from a rehabilitation facility or fresh out of prison, these veterans need a little help. The majority of these veterans have NOTHING.



Lunch—ONLY \$4.00—Women always Welcome!  
Sign up at United Methodist Men Table.



Lynda Smith  
Home State: CO  
Joined: June 26, 2016



Sharon Weber  
Home State: OH, AZ  
Joined: June 26, 2016



Our family has always had welcome mats at our house. Sometimes in front and sometimes in back, these mats have always served to communicate hospitality as well as something offered to assist them. Perhaps a throwback to days of dusty roads or paths, visitors are offered a means to clean shoes if needed. The mat itself is an object of service and the words usually give the welcome message loud and clear. We welcome folks because we want our guest to know that we are pleased that they have come to visit us.

The same can be said of our greetings at church. We want to convey hospitality. We greet folks as an act of service where we see if they have any questions or need for assistance of any kind. Secondly we hope our welcome communicates loud and clear that we are pleased that they have come to visit.

To welcome folks is a way of showing the love of God. After all, isn't that what the church is about? We extend love and welcome to others because we ourselves have been shown love by God, and God's people. The more we grow in our faith and understand the love of God, then all the more we want others to know God as well. We will always endeavor to learn more about God and God's love. Here is how we will be intentional about learning God's way of love and welcome.

During the month of August, all of the assigned scripture readings from the Lectionary, (a resource for reading from all sections of the Bible over a three year timespan) comes from the Book of Luke in the New Testament. Luke was historically part of a two part book that included Luke and Acts. These two books together, as they once were, give us an incredible historical account of, "all that Jesus did and taught" (Acts 1:1). According to the Gospel of Luke itself, it is addressed to an individual, "Theophilus". We don't know exactly who Theophilus was but what we do know is that his name means lover of God. Some have suggested that since this was such a common name in biblical times that perhaps the name simply stands for the two words, lover and God that the name Theophilus is derived from.

So whether or not it was written directly to Theophilus, or if Theophilus stands for all of us, either way it becomes God's instruction for us. God first shows us love and that love grows within us. We then cannot help it, we are compelled to share that love with others. It begins with our growth and then challenges us to help others.

So whether it is a first time visitor, or someone that we seek out to invite to church, let us reach out as lovers of God and introduce others to the God of love, the God of peace. They will always be welcomed here.

See you in church,

Rev. Gary Kennedy



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES  
(50 years or more)**

- 1 Chap & Mary June Fisher 57th
- 2 Phil & Sally Wendell 58th
- 12 Gale & Peggy Schauerman 60th
- 17 Paul & Murt Meierhenry 58th
- 17 Tom & Marty Holler 54th
- 18 Bill & Trudy Merle 54th
- 20 Ben & Patricia Stark 67th
- 20 Vern & Maxine Laun 61st
- 23 Gilbert & Esther Ortega 69th
- 23 Daryl & Betty Johnson 64th
- 23 Dick & Jean Preisendorf 58th
- 24 Jack & Nancy Little 64th
- 25 Dean & Jody Edwards 60th
- 25 Don & Jean McPherson 60th
- 26 Dale & Sharon Bachler 55th
- 29 Richard & Mary Belle Wright 62nd

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS  
(90 or more)**

- 5 Alice Wilber
- 9 Don Rees
- 10 Novoline Shwen
- 11 Glennis Fuller
- 12 Ruth Meinke
- 12 Robert Nelson
- 14 Virginia Vandenberg
- 18 Milton Adams
- 25 Eleanor Patterson
- 27 Olive Crowthers
- 28 William Shackelford



**Honor the life or memory of a loved one.** Purchase the altar flowers for a worship service as a beautiful expression of your love.



Locate the FLOWER BOOK in the Narthex. Write your name, your loved one's name, the occasion you want to remember (birthday, anniversary, etc.) and the date you would like to have the altar flowers presented. Place your **\$35** check marked "**flowers**" into the offering plate or bring it to the office.



**KRIS KRAFTERS KNIT FOR CHARITY**

**KRIS KRAFTERS** "It's like knitting with toothpicks" say the Kris Krafters who are knitting cotton bandages. Using size 2 knitting needles and 100% cotton crochet thread, it takes hours to make a bandage at least 48 inches long and 4 inches wide.

These bandages are then mailed to the "Bandage Brigade", a charity based in Ohio, whose website shows photos and instructions how to knit or crochet the bandages.

The rolled bandages are then shipped to Vietnam for leprosy amputees to cover their wounds. Recently the Kris Krafters sent three boxes of knitted bandages to help those in need.

For more information about Bandage Brigade, go to [www.dovefund.org/Bandage\\_Brigade.htm](http://www.dovefund.org/Bandage_Brigade.htm).

The Kris Krafters meet throughout the summer on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in Wilson Fellowship Hall. We welcome all who want to use their time and talents to help others.

**See you August 4 and 18!**



**Monday—Thursday  
8:30—4:00 p.m.  
Friday  
8:30—12:00 p.m.**



**PRAYERS FOR CENTRAL WEST DISTRICT CHURCHES**

Pray for these Central West District churches in **AUGUST**:

- Mission Bell UMC, Glendale**
- Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood**
- New Song UMC, Surprise**
- Prescott UMC**

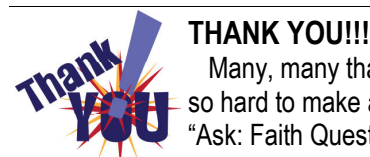
Each month as part of the Central West District in the Desert Southwest Conference, we join other churches in prayer for one another.



### SUMMER GRIEF GROUP

**New Beginnings**, an informal grief sharing group led by Pastor Sande Kimbel, Jean Preisendorf, and Diane Nelson meets at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday through August 31 in the Library Lounge.

This group's goal is a celebration of life, spiritual growth, personal reflection, stress relief, and an increased capacity for happiness following loss. The Regular Grief-Share group sessions including videos will resume Wednesday, September 7.



### THANK YOU!!!

Many, many thanks to those of you who worked so hard to make a success of our VBS program, "Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age."

In no particular order, thanks to:

Our kitchen team, who provided such delicious snacks every morning: Barb Christie, Cheryl Reed, Shirley Fisher, Eveanna Mosier, Erma Troyer, Arlene Davidson, and Janet Sjoberg; Regina Winemiller and Robbie Ierley for opening devotion; Cheryl Reed, who purchased and pouched, organized and taught our prayer beads craft; Table facilitators, Diane Nelson, Rev. Jon and Robbie Ierley, Rev. Ron and Norma Hamilton, Sue Marshall, and Daryl Johnson; Dr. Ron Hamilton for leading us in Holy Communion; Our sound techs, Edward Jones, Larry Hardesty and Russ Koan; Lynn Koan, for writing and organizing all of our skits; Jean Preisendorf for presenting and leading our hymns; Sherri Hardesty for her daily piano accompaniment; Our pray-ers for morning worship: Judith Kliewer, Margaret Davis, Janet Sjoberg, Diane Nelson, Margery Greenhalge; Our Spiritual Enrichment, Education and Prayer Committee, who selected the study material, created and purchased table decorations, made nametags, purchased and filled table boxes, organized and manned sign-ups, organized leaders and speakers, rearranged furniture and generally made VBS possible: Marty Holler, Judy Jones, Larry Helser, Bob Coulson, Judith Kliewer, Margaret Davis, Patty Mason, Raymond Langhammer (chairperson); Last but not least, thanks to all who attended and shared with each other their questions, their knowledge, their experiences and their witness.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Sande



**Kris Krafters**  
First and Third Thursday  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
See you August 4 & 18!

As you know, our Kris Krafters have a history of winning lots of blue, red and white ribbons at the Arizona State Fair each year.

Marsha Jones from Home Arts of the Arizona State Fair will be visiting the August 4 meeting of the Kris Krafters. She will share information about entering crafts of all kinds in the Fair which this year will be October 7-30, 2016.

Even if you are not part of Kris Krafters, you are welcome to come hear what she shares.



**JUST LET US KNOW YOUR NEED TODAY  
PERHAPS YOU'VE SUFFERED LOSS  
OR, JUST NEED US THERE TO LISTEN  
WE'RE PEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST.**

**A STEPHEN MINISTER IS  
WAITING FOR YOUR CALL!**

### De Olde Sweet Shoppe Challenge

A big THANK YOU to all who donated items to De Olde Sweet Shoppe at last year's *Holidaze Craft Faire!* We asked a lot from you and you provided! We were overwhelmed on the first day! We had 83 loaves of special breads, but we only had 4 loaves left for the second day.



Ethnic items and candy, especially fudge, were constantly requested. So our CHALLENGE to you is to DOUBLE our product for

this year's *Craft Faire* on November 4 and 5!! We look forward to our Sweet Shoppe overflowing with a large selection of baked goods!

### METHO TRAVELER EVENTS: Youthful SENIORS

**Sunday, April 30 to Sunday, May 6, 2017,  
Western Caribbean Cruise.**

Seven night cruise to ports of Galveston, Texas, Roatan Honduras, Belize and Cozumel, Mexico. Cost is per person for double occupancy. Single occupancy can be obtained by request. Inside cabin \$1,525, Ocean View cabin \$1,625 and Balcony \$1,795. \$250 per person upon sign-up. Included is round trip air service, transfers to cruise line, bus transportation, round trip in Arizona and Texas, taxes and portage.

Check the Youthful Seniors table in Wilson Fellowship Hall for information and sign-up sheets for all Youthful Seniors and METHO events. Jim Becker is our liaison for METHO. Phone: 623-933-7346 or JBecker43@cox.net.

We always encourage Willowbrookers to invite friends and neighbors to any Youthful Seniors event.



### ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS!

I know you want to publicize your group activities. Be aware of deadlines.

- Bulletins**—Monday before Sunday of publication.
- Good News**—First week of month prior to issue.
- E-News**—Monday before Thursday issue.
- Newspapers**—No less than 3 weeks in advance.
- Westbrook Magazine**—2 months in advance.



### UMW SUMMER LUNCHEONS

11:30 a.m.

August 15—Mary Circle—Coco's on Bell

During the summer months, we do not have our regular unit meeting. Instead we have smaller luncheon meetings at a local restaurant. Feel free to join any of these fun gatherings. Call the church office for additional information. 623-974-5637



Many thanks to all who contributed to the Benji Fund this summer season. Due to your

generosity, Willowbrook sent over \$500 to both the Desert SW Conference's Sidewalk Sunday School and Golden Gate Community Center in support of their summer day camp programs. In addition, Willowbrook has contributed \$500 to the Salvation Army's back to school clothing drive.

Your continued support makes our community a great place to live. Last year, in one of Wesley Center's newsletter, they printed the following quote. I think it describes who we are at Willowbrook.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among brothers,  
to make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman

### THE CUTTING EDGE



The *Holidaze Craft Faire* committee announces that **Will's Mobile Sharpening Service** has reserved a spot for his services at the *Faire* November 4 & 5. He will be available to sharpen knives, scissors, clipper blades, garden and shop tools, chainsaws, hedge trimmers, and more all at reasonable prices.



Remember this when you try cutting something and the cutter doesn't cut because it needs sharpening. As a reminder, you could put a sticker on it saying "Take me to the *Holidaze Craft Faire* to be sharpened." You will be glad you did.

# Thank You!



You all certainly know how to throw a party! And a surprise party at that. I am most grateful for the caring and encouragement you have all shown me in my time here at Willowbrook. But I'm thankful too for my new robe and stoles, and for the "church ladies" quilt yet to come, and your contributions towards my attendance at another Five-Day Spiritual Academy sometime in the future.

Rev. Sande & Dr. Bruce Kimbell

It was great to see so many of you at my ordination at Annual Conference, and to be welcomed back by such a huge crowd April 26th in celebrating the reappointment of all three of us to our pastorates here at Willowbrook. We are serving a wonderful church. Thank you again.

*Pastor Sande*



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### STAFF EMAILS



Our condolences to family and friends on the death of the following Willowbrook members & family:

- Ruth Hoth on June 16
- Olga Kroening's sister, Ruth Haugered on May 25
- Olga Kroening's sister-in-law, Martha Kroening on May 25
- Jo Williams' daughter, Barbara Franklin on July 6 in North Carolina
- Grace Walston on July 7



## Mark your Calendar! All Church Fellowship Potluck

**Come One—Come All!**

**Friday, October 14—5:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Fellowship Hall

**Bring your own set-up and a dish to share.**  
Beverages will be provided.

**COME PREPARED FOR GREAT FOOD,  
FUN, FELLOWSHIP & DOOR PRIZES!**



**Sunday, August 14th at 11:00am**  
"The Potter's Hand"

God's promise of second chances is illustrated in this beautiful art sermon.

**Sunday, August 28th at 11:00am**  
"Laughing Jesus"

Jesus' sense of humor gives us a new picture of our Savior — illustrated in a beautiful art sermon.

**INVITE A FRIEND AND  
ENJOY THE MOSAIC EXPERIENCE**



www.WillowbrookUMC.org  
Listen to recordings of recent Sermons by our pastors and guest speakers. See news, videos, pictures and much more.



## MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT ART AND SOUL

Art and Soul, our coloring for adults group, continues to meet weekly for relaxing fun and conversation. We are averaging 12-15 adults each Wednesday morning. Several people have shared an unexpected benefit of the group. They have made new friends with fellow church members that they have seen in church for years but had never really gotten to know.

Therefore, Art and Soul is not just about coloring—it is sitting around a table laughing, sharing stories, and deepening relationships with others. Moreover do not think Art and Soul is just for women; we have 4 or 5 men who are there every week. Come join us every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in air-conditioned comfort of Wilson Fellowship Hall. All materials are provided by the church.



## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

Here at Willowbrook we believe that every member is a minister and every member has been gifted

for ministry through their individual and unique spiritual gifts. That's right – you have spiritual gifts, given by the Holy Spirit, to build up the body of Christ, the Church. Unfortunately, many church members don't know what their spiritual gifts are. You may think that you don't have any particular gifts or talents that can be used by God. But the Bible clearly states that every believer has been gifted by the Holy Spirit to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose.

Noted Christian author John MacArthur once wrote, "No local congregation will be what it should be, what Jesus prayed that it would be, what the Holy Spirit gifted it and empowered it to be, until it understands spiritual gifts."

We want all our members, both new members and long-time members, to learn and use their spiritual gifts. That's why our New Member class is also open to everyone in the church.

We invite you to "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts" on Saturday, August 13th, from 9:00am – Noon in the Library Lounge. Rev. Steve Marshall will help you learn about spiritual gifts, take a spiritual gifts inventory to discover your own gifts, and then learn how to use your spiritual gifts in ministry. We will also talk a little about the history of the United Methodist Church and the expectations of membership. This class also serves as our new member class.

Please sign up in Wilson Fellowship Hall so we can plan for materials, refreshments, etc.



## WALK FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

*founded by the UMOM Women's Auxiliary*

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:00am Walk Begins  
at The Phoenix Zoo

455 N Galvin Pkwy • Phoenix, AZ 85008

Please join UMOM to raise money and awareness for the homeless families and individuals in our community!

**Free Zoo Admission  
with Registration**

Walk features free and fun activities including a kids zone, sponsor give-aways, food, mascots and more!



To register online or for more information  
www.umom.org - 602.275.7852







## ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

On Thursday, June 9th, \$700 worth of food gift certificates were delivered to Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation. The director of the foundation was thrilled with the support Willowbrookers demonstrated towards foster care teens; teens who are often forgotten. The following day, over 15 teens were graduating out of the foster care system. As they leave the foster care system, the foundation gives them a care package. Over the next few weeks, the care package will include a grocery gift certificate and a recipe from Willowbrook UMC. Thank you for your generous support!

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