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Worship: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: Tues. – Thurs. 9:00 to 4:00pm
Friday 9:00 to Noon

May 28, 2023



In Loving Memory
Founding Pastor
Rev. Dr. David Ellsworth
Retired Pastors
Rev. Phyllis Averill
Rev. Tom Bush
Retired Missionaries
Drewer Johns
Maude Johns

Presiding Bishop
Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut

District Superintendent
Rev. Javier Olivares

Ministers
All Members of the
Congregation

Senior Pastor
Rev. Fred Mast

Retired Pastors
Rev. Arland Averill
Rev. John Fairchild
Rev. Valerie Fairchild

Lay Leader
Wayne B. Light

Facilities
Christian Peterson

Administrative Assistant
Bookkeeper
Jenny Mast

Caring Lay Ministry
Janie McDaniel

Choir Directors
Jan Van Kooten
Echo Reinhard

Bell Director
Bob Martin

Organist
Mary Luttrell

Pianist
Echo Reinhard

~~“Almost a Christian Life”~~

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by **Welcoming** all people, **Worshiping** God joyfully, **Caring** for each person, **Discovering** Christ's transforming love, and **Serving** God's world.*

Vision Statement

To share the happiness that is Christianity for all people.

Pentecost

*Hearing Assistance Units are available from the ushers for your convenience.
Please silence your phone during worship.*

Gathering

Prelude

Echo Reinhard

Welcoming & Announcements

Children's Sunday School is available in the Nursery/Classroom or activity bags are available in the Narthex.

Invitation to Celebration Sunday

We celebrate those birthdays and anniversaries during May by singing:

**"God is blessing you now, in peace from above, on your birthday and marriage, with the light of His love"
(To the Tune of Happy Birthday)**

Centering Prayer

***Introit**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#334

The procession of light invokes the presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst.

*Passing the Peace

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...

And also with you!

Please stand as you are comfortable and share the Peace of Christ with one another & remain standing for our Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts on this day of Pentecost and fill us with Your courage and power.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your people around the world.

Fill our young people with visions and our elders with dreams.

Blow into our lives and renew us as people of faith as we set this world ablaze again with the good news of Your saving love through Jesus Christ.

***Song of Invitation**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#420

Reception of New Members

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer ~ Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

*Please rise in body or in spirit as you are comfortable

***Song of Preparation**

“Change My Heart, O God”

TFWS #2152

Word & Response

Scripture

Acts 26: 19-29

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us, thanks be to God!

Message

“Thank God I Do—~~Almost~~ a Christian Life”

Rev. Fred Mast

Song of Response

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

#402

Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering for the Kingdom of God

Come into our presence, Holy Spirit. Discomfort us in our complacency and stir up a yearning within us guiding us onto paths of truth and righteousness. Blow through our hearts and through our church, that we may proclaim through our faith and actions that we are Your children. Through these gifts we now bring, send Your Spirit into the world causing wonders to occur.

Offertory

Mary Luttrell

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

***Offering Prayer**

Sent to Serve

***Song of Sending Forth**

“In Christ Alone”

#3105

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Rev. Fred Mast


Postlude

Mary Luttrell



Please continue in prayer this week for: Beverly Robbins, Janie McDaniel, Bonnie Fletcher, Gale Grove's son in law John, Doug Peet, Nancy Bateman, Margo Braman's mom Madreen, and Charlie Black.

Two-Week Calendar

Sun	5/28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship— Pentecost	Sanctuary
		9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Nursery Classroom
		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
Mon	5/29		MEMORIAL DAY 	
		3-5pm	Sedona Community Dinner	St. Andrews
Tues	5/30	5:30 p.m.	ESOL	Fellowship Hall
Thurs	6/1	7:30 a.m.	Men's Christian Group	FH Classroom
Sat	6/3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Café Jose
Sun	6/4	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
		9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Nursery Classroom
		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Sedona Winds Service	Sedona Winds Asst.
Tues	6/6	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study W. Sedona	The Gathering Place
		5:30 p.m.	ESOL	Fellowship Hall
Thurs	6/8	7:30 a.m.	Men's Christian Group	FH Classroom
Sun	6/11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
		9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Nursery Classroom
		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall



The Missions Team is looking for volunteers to help with the Sedona Community Dinner on Monday May 29th. Please see the sign up board in the narthex or see Kathy Roth.



Men's Breakfast is Saturday, June 3rd. Meet at Café Jose at 8 a.m. (in the Safeway Center in W. Sedona)

Our bus will pick up at Sedona Winds at 7am



MAY IS UMCOR MONTH.
DONATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR BOTH U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF.
MARK YOU DONATIONS "UMCOR".

UMCOR'S Support for U.S. in 2023 so far:

***Tornado in Mississippi and other parts of the southeast** Widespread atmospheric instability during the evening of March 24, 2023, caused a powerful tornado that was on the ground for more than an hour and traveled at least 170 miles, killing more than 25 people, injuring hundreds and causing damage primarily concentrated in Mississippi. UMCOR approved a grant from the Mississippi Conference for emergency relief and gave permission to the North Alabama Conference to use unused funds previously awarded to address the current disaster. UMCOR's supply network is readying for the distribution of needed supplies.

***Severe weather and tornadoes in Alabama and Georgia** In mid-January, a powerful storm front swept across the Southeast, producing a number of tornadoes that caused damage in both the Alabama-West Florida and North Georgia conferences. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and at least 9 people were killed. UMCOR awarded solidarity grants to both conferences to support a coordinated response for survivors, including relief supplies, debris removal and clean-up efforts. ERTs were deployed in both conferences. The South Georgia Conference has also deployed to assist with the relief efforts.

***Flooding and landslides in California.** Beginning in mid-December 2022 and continuing into mid-January 2023, California has experienced a continuous series of rainstorms. As a result, California has had an extensive number of floods, mudslides, landslides, and other related damage that is estimated to have caused several billion dollars of losses – and counting. UMCOR awarded a solidarity grant to the California-Nevada Conference to support a coordinated response for survivors, including relief supplies, debris removal and clean-up efforts. The conference aided several communities, including those in the Sacramento area, focusing on flooded agricultural workers and senior and low-income households.



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