

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Ash Wednesday | 7pm | QC Campus**

Enter into the season with a focus on repentance and introspection. Where is God leading you during this season? Come to listen and be present with Christ for these 40 days.

**Thursday, March 2**

**Joy Circle | 9am | Schnepf Farms | Linda Burdick**

All women of the church are invited to share breakfast and fellowship on the patio at the Schnepf Farms restaurant. Please RSVP to Linda at [rburdick@cox.net](mailto:rburdick@cox.net) or 480.518.6880. This group meets the first Thursday every month, various locations.



**Saturday, March 4**

**Diaper Drive & Booth | 8am-2pm**

We are sponsoring a booth to provide diapers for individuals in need at the Compassion Queen Creek Event. Volunteers needed.



**Sunday, March 5**

**San Tan Valley Brunch | 11:30am | Pastor Brye**

Every other Sunday, join Pastor Brye for some pizza following the service. A great time to continue worship and meet fellow SoL(ers) at Barro's Pizza near Copper Basin YMCA.

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool**

All youth, grades 4-12, are invited to join us every Wednesday night as we come and fellowship together with fun activities, bible studies, and a chance to make new friends.

**Saturday, March 11**

**Song of Life Men's Group | 8am | Slate Restaurant | Joe Hauer & Jerry Shanks**

Committed to Christian Service and Fellowship. Slate Restaurant in Trilogy at Power Ranch. For further information contact Joe Hauer ([hauerscience@cox.net](mailto:hauerscience@cox.net)) or Jerry Shanks ([geraldsha@gmail.com](mailto:geraldsha@gmail.com)).

**Sunday, March 12**

**New Membership Class | 12:30pm | QC Campus | Sarai Case**

We're so glad you are here! How can we be your faithful village and encourage your journey? Come hear more about how the SoL family serves, prays, studies, and lives in the world. Lunch is provided. Childcare available upon request. Please RSVP by sending an email to [info@songoflifeumc.org](mailto:info@songoflifeumc.org).

**Monday, March 13**

**Pastor Camp | 11am-3pm**

Join Pastor Sarai and Pastor Brye for a day of fun and games, learning all the things a United Methodist Pastor does!! Ages 4-18 welcome, lunch provided. Please register at the link on our website.

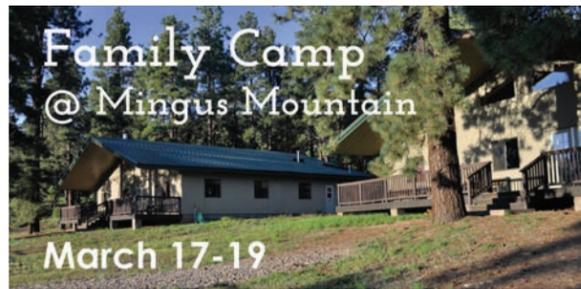
**Wednesday, March 15**

**Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool**

**Thursday, March 16**

**Spring Break Movie Day | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool**

Youth are invited for a special movie day over Spring Break. Movie and time TBA.



**Friday-Sunday, March 17-19**

**Family Camp | Mingus Mountain**

Song of Life is hosting family camp at Mingus Mountain. Please plan to join us for a weekend of fellowship in the pines. Camp is for everyone with activities for all ages. The cost is \$90 per adult, \$40 for a child under 12 and \$70 for a child between 12 and 17. A form has been created in CCB for you to register. Checks may be made out to Song of Life with Family Camp on the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the offering or taken to the office. Scholarships are available.

**Sunday, March 19**

**San Tan Valley Brunch | 11:30am | Pastor Brye**

**Tuesday, March 21**

**Feed My Starving Children | 3:30-5:30pm | Carrie Claypool**

The youth will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children.

**Wednesday, March 22**

**Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool**

**Saturday, March 25**

**Creative Guild | 9am | QC Campus | Sarai Case**

You're invited to The Creative Guild. We'll share our love of all things artistic with one another. There will be a couple of creative exercises to bring out new ideas, as well as a time to share with others what you love to do in your creative realm.



**Community BBQ | 2-4pm | QC Campus**

Bring your neighbors, friends, kids, bring EVERYBODY!!! We'll grill up some grub and all proceeds will go to the Benevolence Fund (Pastor's Discretionary). *But wait there's more...* Bring a batch of your best cookie recipe (yes, you can even submit your "recipe" from "Uncle Albertson"). We'll have a Best Cookie Contest for dessert!

**Saturday, March 25**

**Refugee 101 training | 1:00-4:30pm | New Valley Church in Ahwatukee**

Attend this vital first look into how SoL can become involved in acting out passages like Leviticus 19:33-34, "When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God." Free childcare provided! Focusing on:

- The refugee journey and overview of the US refugee-resettlement program
- Countries where people are fleeing overview
- Loss simulation
- Cross-cultural basics & communication tips
- Helping without hurting
- Building bridges to people of other faiths
- Opportunities to serve

**Sunday, March 26**

**Welcome our New Members | 9:30am**

During service this week, let's celebrate our new members to the Song of Life UMC Family.

**Wednesday, March 29**

**Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool**

**Sunday, April 2nd**

**Men's Sunday | QC & San Tan Campus**

The men of SoL will be leading the worship services and sharing about the ministries they serve.

**Saturday, April 8**

**The Great Surprise**

**5-8pm | QC Campus**

**Stacy Harmsen**

Join us for a night of lent activities for the kids.



**Change the World**

Have you filed your income tax returns yet? Yes, it's that time of year again when we "render unto to Caesar those things that are Caesar's". And, if you are like many people who file tax returns, you may be looking forward to a refund of some of the taxes you paid last year. Congratulations!

But here's even better news: It just so happens that the tax return season also corresponds exactly with one of the greatest events in the history of Christianity – the celebration of Easter and our resurrected savior, Jesus Christ, on April 16.

Let's see: a tax refund and an Easter celebration at the same time?? Are you making the connection? Consider the possibilities! You can render unto Caesar and give to God at the same time! Can you think of a better way to celebrate the Easter season than by donating some or all of your refund to SoL?

We will certainly put it to good use in a variety of ways to support our mission: Love God, Love One Another, and Change the World. Won't you help us? May God continue to bless each of us with abundance!

**FAMILY CAMP** Plan your weekend your way!

**Track 1**

I wanna do it all! This looks like an AMAZING weekend for me, for my kids, for my friends....

**YES!!!!**

**Track 2**

I wanna do some... but maybe not all. I think I'll just pick and choose from what's there if that's ok....

**Man, this is gonna be a great weekend!**

**Track 3**

I'm so busy all the time and I'm tired. And you know what? I never get to do the things I really want to do or to get away....

**I might bring my cross stitching, a magazine, or catch up on my podcasts. I'm going to spend the weekend reading my book, or taking naps, or sitting on the porch of the dining hall just watching the hilarity of the rest of you.**

## Lent Sermon Series: Boot Camp for the SoL

We approach the Lenten season with an emphasis on interiority, personal investigation, and contrition—the intentional work of seeking a change of heart or actions. Reflection and change take work, hard work. Lent can be like a boot camp for the soul, a restart in a focused area. We walk this season together, demanding the best of ourselves, ready to support one another, and prepared to see truths that shatter our self-understanding.

The range of the readings in this season is the full breadth of lived human experience from creation to death and new life. We draw on the parallels of false choices of temptation with the conditions of suffering in the world today.

### Why participate in Boot Camp for the SoL? **#bootcampfortheSoL**

- To be transformed!
- Focus on faith and following Christ with intensity.
- To connect the season of Lent with some of the “hard” changes we need in life.
- To push us beyond what we consider our limits are so we are stronger.



## Christ Walk

What's better than feeding your soul while developing healthy practices for your body and mind? The book *Christ Walk* outlines a 40-day program for individuals and groups to focus on improving physical health while engaging in spiritual and mental reflection and growth.

### Choose your own “Christ Walk” this Lenten season!

**#bootcampfortheSoL**

Individuals and groups select different biblical routes to complete (through walking, running, biking, etc.), while reading a reflective passage on health and spirituality each day of the journey. Each chapter is a daily meditation on different aspects of mind, body, and spiritual health tied to biblical teachings and Christian traditions. The appendices include options for groups and individuals to transform their Christ Walk experience from journey to journey.

### There are several ways you can participate:

Completely on your own, or join the Friday morning Christ Walk group each week at 9am. Please make sure you have plenty of water, snacks, good hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Most of the hikes will be free, but some will have a small parking fee. We'll be hiking local trails with the following schedule:

- March 3rd - San Tan Mountain - Pass
- March 10th - Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch, 2757 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert
- March 17th - Usery Mountain - The Wind Cave which is 4 miles (kid-friendly)
- March 24th - Lost Dutchman Park in Apache Junction (kid-friendly)
- March 31st - Open
- April 7th - Usery Mountain - Pass Mountain which is a 6.9 mile hike that should take 3.8 hours.
- April 14th (Good Friday) - The Wave Cave!! You won't want to miss this hike - kids are definitely welcome. The hike is 4.25 miles and should take 3.30 hours

**#bootcampfortheSoL**

Engage in discussion through the special Facebook group filled with weekly questions and a place to share tips and reflections for the journey. To be invited to the group, please send an email to [info@songoflifeumc.org](mailto:info@songoflifeumc.org). A limited number of copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$15 (or a donation) at each campus starting Feb 26 or purchase through Amazon.

## DON'T GO!!!

**A message to our winter visitors before you think about returning home for the summer:**

We miss your smiling faces when you leave, and we miss having you at all the fun fellowship events we have during the summer here at SoL. Yes, it can get warm at times, but, hey, there are swimming pools, movie theaters, air conditioners, and cool mountain pine forests only a couple of hours away. Stick around – it'll be fun!

If you must leave us, we understand, as long as you promise to come back to SoL when you return. In the meantime, we would like to send you regular email blasts to keep you up to date on happenings at SoL while you are gone. If we do not have your current email address, won't you please send it to Susan Lewis, our Administrative Assistant ([slewis@songoflifeumc.org](mailto:slewis@songoflifeumc.org))? Thanks!

Before you leave, we would also ask that you consider becoming a Song of Life Associate Member. That way, you will always have a church home here in Arizona, and we will “keep the light on for you”, as they say. It'll be like coming home all over again! Just let Pastor Sarai or Susan Lewis in the main office know that you want to become an Associate Member – they will add you to the list!

Thank you so much for blessing us with your presence and support during your stay, and we look forward to seeing you again upon your return. Don't stay gone too long, and best wishes for safe travels to your destinations! God bless!

PS: We would also encourage you to make a one-time donation before you leave to help us cover our summer expenses while you are gone – we'll still be here, and we would be most appreciative! It's your church, and we promise it will be even better when you get back!

**NEED TO ADD SOMETHING TO THE SoL NEWS???** Email your content and any graphic request to Susan at [slewis@songoflifeumc.org](mailto:slewis@songoflifeumc.org) by the 13th of the month prior to the month it needs to be published. Thanks!

## Coming Up in APRIL: Holy Week starts April 9th!

### Sunday, April 9

#### Palm Sunday

During service this week, let's celebrate our new members to the Song of Life UMC Family.

### Thursday, April 13

#### Maundy Thursday Potluck & Holy Communion | 6:30pm | QC Campus

We will gather as a SoL Family for an evening of sharing! Share your favorite dish, share your laughter around the table, and share your presence as we close the evening with Holy Communion.

### Friday, April 14

**Good Friday Hike | 8:30am | QC Campus**  
See Christ Walk info on reverse page for details.

**Good Friday Service | 7pm | QC Campus**  
Childcare provided.

### Sunday, April 16

**Easter Worship | 8:15, 9:30, 11am | QC Campus**

**Egg Hunt | 10:30am | QC Campus**

**Easter Worship | 10:30am | San Tan Campus**

**Egg Hunt | 10:00am | San Tan Campus**

### Monday, April 17

#### Special Book Signing | 5-8pm | Creekside Taco Shack

Bev Stout, a member of SoL, has written her SECOND fiction novel and is sharing the excitement with our church and community. Join us for an evening and get her book signed. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to House of Refuge. Bring a friend!

## Happenings Every Week

**Adult Study Group | Sundays after 9:30am Service | Locations listed online.**  
Please contact Joe Hauer @ [hauerscience@cox.net](mailto:hauerscience@cox.net) or Jerry Shanks @ [geraldsha@gmail.com](mailto:geraldsha@gmail.com)

**Trilogy | Mondays | 7pm | Jerri Arnold**  
A women's bible study group that meets every Monday. Contact [jerri\\_a\\_arnold@hotmail.com](mailto:jerri_a_arnold@hotmail.com) or 480.861.6084.

**Area 412 | Wednesdays | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool**  
All youth, grades 4-12, are invited to join us every Wednesday night as we come and fellowship together with fun activities, bible studies, and a chance to make new friends.

**Pastor's Small Group | Mondays 9am @The Bistro or Thursdays 7pm @Panda Express**  
Meet with Pastor Sarai each Monday at The Bistro (22721 S Ellsworth Rd #107, Queen Creek). Can't make it Mondays? Join Pastor Brye on Thursdays at Panda Express (1674-1698 W Hunt Hwy, San Tan Valley). Both groups will be studying the book, *Fear of the Other* by Bishop William H. Willimon. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase for \$10 each on Sundays or you may order on Amazon.

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— youth ministries —

### Queen Creek Campus

Worship 8:15, 9:30, & 11am  
SoL Teens 9:30am  
Adult Study Group 9:45 am  
SoL Kids 11:15am

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### San Tan Campus

Worship 10:30am  
Jr & Sr High Sunday School 9:30am  
SoL Kids 10:45am  
SoL Teens 11:45am

Copper Basin YMCA  
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