

Saturday, April 1

Community Spring Fling in San Tan | 11am-3pm | Mountain Vista Park | Sarai Case
Our church will participate as a vendor at the San Tan Heights HOA Community Spring Fling. There will be music, carnival games, many vendors, and more.

LuLaRoe Youth Fundraiser | 10am-1pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Join us for some LuLaRoe fun! A portion of all sales and additional matching funds from LuLaRoe will benefit the Youth Mission Trip! Come try on ladies' and kids' clothing for all sizes. The clothes are fashionable, flattering, and oh-so-comfortable!



Sunday, April 2

Men's Sunday | QC & San Tan Campus

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

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, April 5

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.



Thursday, April 6

Joy Circle | 9am | Slate Restaurant | Linda Burdick

All women of the church are invited to share breakfast and fellowship on the patio at the Slate Restaurant at Trilogy Village Parkway. Please RSVP to Linda at rburdick@cox.net or 480.518.6880. This group meets the first Thursday of every month at various locations.

Stephen Ministry Meeting | 7pm | QC Campus | Gerri Thompson

Saturday, April 8

Spring into QC | 9am-1pm | More details online

Get ready for a hoppin' good time at this free signature event celebrating Queen Creek's families. With live entertainment, color splash, a kick ball tournament, and the always popular egg hunt, Spring Into QC will be fun for everyone!

Easter Eggstravaganza | 8-10am | Heritage Park

Plan to gather up the kids for the annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Heritage Park in Florence. Several events are offered including egg hunt, pictures, prizes and more. Don't miss out on enjoying a pancake breakfast with Hip Hop. Pancake breakfast \$3. This is our first opportunity to introduce SoL to the Florence community!

Parent's Night Out:

The Great Surprise

5-8pm | QC Campus

Stacy Harmsen

Children will enjoy a faith-focused evening filled with surprises! All ages are welcome & dinner included. \$5.00 per child.



Holy Week starts April 9th!

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday & New Members

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

Wednesday, April 12

Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

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

Join us for a morning hike.

Good Friday Service | 7pm | QC Campus

Childcare provided.

Saturday, April 15

Men's Group | 8am | Flapjack Fundraiser |

Joe Hauer & Jerry Shanks

Committed to Christian Service and Fellowship. Join us at the Flapjack Fundraiser (details below). Contact Joe Hauer (hauerscience@cox.net) or Jerry Shanks (geraldsha@gmail.com).

Flapjack Fundraiser | 8-10am | Applebee's |

Carrie Claypool

Tickets go on sale starting April 1 for \$8. Fundraiser supports Song of Life UMC Youth Ministries.



Sunday, April 16

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

At the 11:00am service, our youth will be going through Confirmation, so don't miss this great milestone!

Help us welcome in our community this Easter! If you regularly attend the 9:30, please consider coming to the 8:15 service. This will allow for more seating in all our services so more of God's creation will praise and celebrate the Resurrection!

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!

Wednesday, April 19

Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Missions Team Meeting | Village Inn | John

Campbell

Thursday, April 20

Care Team Meeting | QC Campus



Friday, April 21

Movie: "The Good Lie" | 6:20pm | QC Campus

Join us for the movie, "The Good Lie" (PG-13) to learn about South Sudanese refugees and their plight as they resettle in the US. We will also have time for discussion on how we, as a church, can become involved with local refugees.

And continue the conversation...A small group study on working with the less fortunate will start the week of April 24 thru the week of May 29th. Check our website for more details to be announced.

Saturday, April 22

Pat Tillman Run | 7:05am | Tempe, AZ

Join the Song of Life Team in participating in the Pat Tillman Run. Contact Kris Kohlmann or visit the church website.

Sunday, April 23

Bring a Neighbor to Church Day

During this Easter season of reflection, rebirth, and resurrection, we think it would be a great time for you to renew old contacts with some of your friends and neighbors. We're sure you know someone to ask— after all, Friends don't let Friends stay home on Sunday! So, bring them along with you—we'll give them a warm welcome and special thanks! PS: They don't have to be Methodists—we love everybody!

Youth Mission Trip Meeting | 1pm | QC

Campus | Carrie Claypool

Youth Bowling | 4pm | Meet at QC Campus |

Carrie Claypool

Wednesday, April 26

Area 412 | 6pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Sunday, April 30

First Quarter Budget Review

For those of you interested in Song of Life's finances and budget, on Sunday, April 30th, Jim Van Husen and Casey DeWitt will be making a brief presentation to review our first quarter 2017 budget results, and will be available to (hopefully) answer any questions you may have about our finances.

The presentation will start immediately after the 9:30 service at Queen Creek, and will be repeated immediately after the 10:30 service at San Tan. We look forward to sharing this information with you!

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



New Sermon Series: Closer & Closer

At Easter, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, but this is no ghostly apparition. Jesus returns in the flesh to be close once again with his friends and to bring them closer with one another. There is tenderness and physicality highlighted in the resurrection narratives, people coming together to hear and respond to this amazing news.

Meet Mike! This month's Super SoL Member



This is Mike Wilkerson. In March, Mike made a big decision, took a risk, and opened up a new future! On March 7th, Song of Life UMC officially voted to support Mike as he pursues steps toward ordained ministry!!!

How did this happen?

This has been a long time in the making for Mike. As a kid he moved A LOT. Which meant that his connection with God through church moved around a lot too. Many communities, churches, and leaders have contributed to his decision to stay devoted to living closely with Jesus.

Why be a United Methodist?

For Mike, the UMC has always given him something he cares deeply about: A place to belong where he can still ask questions and continue learning. Through Song

of Life and other United Methodist Churches he has attended, he has explored the teachings of a variety of thinkers and theologians. He's enjoyed learning from the lives of a variety of people who have taught him ways to live out a Christian life.

What does it mean to serve?

Mike has served as a musician, a committee member, a committee chair, a team leader, a chaperone, a grunt, a volunteer, an advocate, a Stephen Leader, a friend... Wow! That's a lot of experience! He also brings with him the service he has done within his work outside of church. As an engineer, he is known by coworkers to be honest, dependable, and compassionate. Over the next few years, Mike will explore new ways to serve and improve upon the things he has already learned as well.

How can we support Mike?

We are Mike's people. Just as God has called him to serve and lead the body of Christ, we are being called to pray for him, encourage him, and follow his lead. Drop Mike a message of encouragement at mwwilker@gmail.com

Coming Up in MAY: Finding Your Fit

We'll be holding a **Ministries Fair** and **Volunteer Drive** to allow our SoL members to help where they fit best.

Rummage Sale May 5-6 at the Queen Creek campus. Find all that 'stuff' you no longer need, bring it to the Rummage Sale, and sell, sell, sell! All proceeds to benefit Vacation Bible School and SoL Kids.

Area 412 will have an End of Year Bash to celebrate our upcoming graduates. Stay tuned for more details.

We have lots of other opportunities to celebrate in May that you won't want to miss, including Mother's Day May 14, graduation celebrations for our students, and Memorial Day on May 29. Stay tuned for more details on these events in your next SoL newsletter!

Teens meet up every Wednesday!

Come on in, the water's fine!

We know many of our repeat visitors have been "testing the waters" here at Song of Life Church – dipping your toes into the pool to feel the temperature. You keep coming back, so we're guessing you like what you see, you like what you hear, and you like what we're doing in the community.

Maybe it's time for you to "take the plunge"?

We welcome anyone with an interest, without judging you, no matter your circumstances, and we'd love to have you join us as a member of Song of Life. We know you'll be glad you did, because we're not just lifeguards for the Christian faith, we can be soul-savers too!

Talk to Pastor Sarai, Pastor Brye, or Susan Lewis at 480-641-1200 about becoming a member, and help us Change the World!

AREA **FOUR** *twelve*
— youth ministries —

Happenings Every Week

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

Trilogy | Mondays | 7pm | Jerri Arnold
A women's bible study group that meets every Monday. Contact 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.

SoL Can Reduce Your Tax Bill

One of the members of our SoL Men's Group recently pointed out a tax-saving strategy for our retirees that we want to share with you. As we understand it, if you are at least 70 ½ years of age and are taking withdrawals from an IRA, you can make what is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA directly to Song of Life and not pay income taxes on the distribution! The distribution is limited to \$100,000 per year, and you should check with your tax professional before proceeding, but it sounds like a Win-Win for everybody!

Fore!

How about a handsome Song of Life golf shirt? Since many of our SoL members—men and women—are also avid golfers, we will be taking orders for SoL branded golf shirts in April. Jim Van Husen will be distributing a sign-up sheet via our weekly email blasts, so keep an eye out for the form, add your name and size, and we will place an order. You will be responsible for the cost of the shirts, but they will be a beautiful way to help spread the SoL message throughout our community—even on the golf course! Watch your weekly email blast for more details.

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



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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