

Welcome to Fall at Song of Life!

There are lots of wonderful activities, events, and opportunities for everyone to share in the fellowship and worship we offer here at SoL! Pastor Sarai has returned from her sabbatical, our winter visitors are slowly returning, and our usual classes and groups are resuming their regular schedules. It's a time for reconnecting with the mission and meaning of Song of Life, so come join us in the celebration!

Wednesday, September 20

Area 412 | 6-8pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool
Area 412 is back beginning Wednesday September 6 from 6 to 8 pm, and meets every week after that. Bible study classes for 4th-12th grades, and dinner included!

Thursday, September 21

San Tan Evening Small Group | 6:30-8:00pm | Barro's Pizza Copper Basin | Mike Wilkerson

Saturday, September 23

Staff & Leadership Retreat | 8:30am-12pm | QC Campus

Members of our Song of Life staff and our Leadership Board will get together at the church for a day of study, fellowship, and planning for the future of our mission at Song of Life. If you lead a small group or a team (any ministry with SoL) you are invited to attend!

Founder's Day Fair | 5-9pm | Founder's Park

Activities for all ages, food booths, and vendors galore! Song of Life will be hosting a booth, so come join the fun! Free admission!

Parent's Night Out | 5:30-8:30pm | QC

Campus | Stacy Harmsen
Faith-focused fun for all ages, and dinner included! \$5.00 per child.



Wednesday, September 27

Area 412 | 6-8pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Thursday, September 28

San Tan Evening Small Group | 6:30-8:00pm | Barro's Pizza Copper Basin | Mike Wilkerson

Wednesday, October 4

Area 412 | 6-8pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool



Thursday, October 5

Joy Circle | 9am | Village Inn, QC

JOY Circle meets on the first Thursday of every month. Our group is strictly a social gathering that is open to any woman of the church and any guests that they would like to include. Everyone is welcome to attend any time they are available. For more information, contact Linda Burdick at rburdick@cox.net.

San Tan Evening Small Group | 6:30-8:00pm | Barro's Pizza Copper Basin | Mike Wilkerson



Friday, October 6

MOPS | 9:30-11:30am | QC Campus

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is fun for the kids, and relaxing for the moms! Meets every 1st and 3rd Fridays. Contact Casey DeWitt (cdewitt@songoflifeumc.org) for details.

Saturday, October 7

Serve at the Cultural Festival | Time | Location

This is a way that we support families living in Queen Creek by partnering with Pan de Vida Foundation. Sign up to wear a SoL tshirt and volunteer at this event that gives free flu shots, wellness checks, haircuts, and even books for kids!



Wednesday, October 11

Area 412 | 6-8pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Thursday, October 12

San Tan Evening Small Group | 6:30-8:00pm | Barro's Pizza Copper Basin | Mike Wilkerson

Wednesday, October 18

Area 412 | 6-8pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Thursday, October 19

San Tan Evening Small Group | 6:30-8:00pm | Barro's Pizza Copper Basin | Mike Wilkerson

Friday, October 20

MOPS | 9:30-11:30am | QC Campus

Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22

Dad and Me Camp | Mingus Mountain

Calling all Dads! This is a great camp for making memories, connecting with your children, and relaxing on Mingus Mountain. (Plus carving your pumpkin if you'd like.) There are already SoL families registered, join us! Register via our Facebook page!

Saturday, October 21

Men's Group Breakfast | 8am | Slate Restaurant

The Men's Group will be meeting for breakfast and Christian fellowship. The Men's Group at Song of Life also plays a leadership role in supporting the ministries at Song of Life. The Slate Restaurant is located at the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch (4415 E. Village Parkway). For further information please contact either Joe Hauer at hauerscience@cox.net or Jerry Shanks at geraldsha@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat | 5-9pm | QC Campus

Come join in the fun at our Truck or Treat Halloween Fair and bring the kids in their Halloween costumes. Fun for all ages!

Wednesday, October 25

Area 412 | 6-8pm | QC Campus | Carrie Claypool

Thursday, October 26

San Tan Evening Small Group | 6:30-8:00pm | Barro's Pizza Copper Basin | Mike Wilkerson

Saturday, October 28

San Tan Fall Festival | 10am-2pm

This twice-a-year festival celebrates the San Tan Valley with all kinds of fun activities, food, and booths. Song of Life will be there - come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship. PS: Volunteers needed for a bit of booth duty - contact Pauline Hall or Jim Van Husen for details.

Centering Prayer Workshop | 9am-1pm |

QC Campus | Register Online

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that can serve to prepare you to receive the gifts of God's presence. The method is simple yet profound in its effects. The goal of this workshop is to provide participants with the tools for Centering Prayer and to encourage a daily practice.

The workshop is presented by members of the Contemplative Outreach of Phoenix. Centering Prayer is for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God. Participants are encouraged to attend six weekly sessions following the workshop. The sessions provide support and encourage those who wish to establish a daily prayer practice. Go on our website to find out more and register online at: www.contemplativeoutreach-phoenix.org

Annual Charge Conference at Song of Life |

3pm | Queen Creek

Join us as we transact the annual business of the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Everyone participates, but members will be voting on matters of membership.

Tuesday, October 31

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!



Safe Sanctuary Training

Individuals working with our children must attend a yearly Safe Sanctuary training. If you are interested in attending the training please contact Laura Hauer at hauerla@cox.net or Susan Lewis at 480.641.1200.

Opportunities Aboard

You may have seen our recent announcements for various volunteer opportunities at Song of Life. In case you missed them, here are a few for you to consider:

Musicians Needed

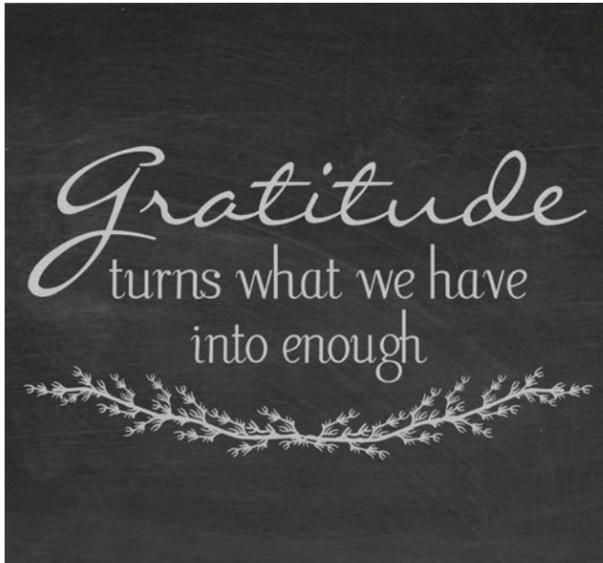
Thomas Murphy, our Song of Life Music Director, is looking for a few talented musicians to join the Sunday morning 11:00 am contemporary service music team. If you have any experience in electric bass guitar, lead guitar, drums, or piano, and would be willing to show us your talents during Sunday morning services, please contact Thomas. Reading chord symbols is necessary, and rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm.

Church Photographer

We are looking for a few 'camera bugs' who are willing to take photographs at various church functions - Confirmations, baptisms, promotions, and similar special occasions. No special expertise is required, just a willingness to help record the many activities going on at Song of Life. Please contact Susan Lewis if you are interested.

Booth Staffers for Fall Festivals

Founder's Day Festival (September 23), Trunk or Treat (October 21), and San Tan Fall Festival (October 28) - Event coordinators and booth personnel needed. Contact Susan Lewis, Jim Van Husen, or Pauline Hall for details and times.



New Fall Sermon Series: Enemies of Gratitude

Starts October 15th

Sometimes we don't always see the great things happening around us. And we need a little help. In each sermon, we see how a misplaced focus on how things could be or used to be better, how we're not getting what we think we deserve, or simply how life's struggles are keeping us down prevents us from seeing all the blessings that are right in front of us. While the Scripture selections move back and forth from the Old Testament to the New, the need for "an attitude of gratitude" is made clear in each week's sermon.



Thanks to Pastor Nina!

Let's give a hearty round of applause and a big virtual Song of Life hug to Pastor Nina Yardley, who has been substituting for Pastor Sarai during the month of August and early September. God bless you, Nina, for all your support, caring, and good words these six weeks. You are welcome back anytime!



Congratulations, Mike Wilkerson!!

The Rev. N. Susan Brims, Superintendent of the East District, announced that Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata has appointed Pastor Michael Wilkerson as the part-time local pastor of Song of Life United Methodist Church in Queen Creek, AZ, effective July 17, 2017 per paragraph 318.2 of the 2016 Book of Discipline. We have mentioned this before, but congratulations, Mike! It is well-deserved!

Meet Jenn!



This month's Super SoL!

No doubt you have been noticing some of the beautiful, colorful newsletters, postcards, mailers, and other printed material at Song of Life lately, along with our newly redesigned website! The artist behind all this? Jennifer Testamarck, graphic designer and owner of MakeJoy Studio in Tempe.

Jenn has been involved in the United Methodist Church most of her life, and one day realized her true calling was in graphic design. Since then, she has formed a graphic design company in Tempe that almost exclusively deals with websites and graphic design services for religious institutions, chief among them the United Methodist Church. She first met Pastor Sarai while both were at Tempe First UMC, and has recently formed a strong relationship with Song of Life as well, with responsibility for the majority of our recent 'new' look for SoL. We truly value her artistic talents and her computer savvy – a wonderful talent and a wonderful Methodist!

If you or someone you know is in need of graphic design expertise, you can contact Jenn at jenn@makejoystudio.com – we're sure she would love to hear from you!

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FUTURE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

October 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm

November 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm

NEED TO ADD SOMETHING TO THE SoL NEWS??? Email your content and any graphic request to Susan at slewis@songoflifeumc.org two weeks prior to the month it needs to be published. You can also request news and events to be added to our website, so be sure to email Susan for those requests as well. Thank you!

Happenings Every Sunday

Adult Study Group | Sundays following the 9:30am Service

The Adult Study Group resumes after taking a summer break on Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. traditional service at 10:45 a.m. Each Sunday the Adult Study Group meets at a different home for fellowship and Bible study. Beginning in September, they will explore the Promised Land series by Ray Vanderlaan "Standing at the Crossroads". For further information please contact Joe Hauer, hauerscience@cox.net or Jerry Shanks at geraldsha@gmail.com.

San Tan Small Group | Sundays | 9:30am | San Tan Campus

SoL Kids | Sundays | 11:00am | QC Campus

New Sunday School class during the 11:00 am service for 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

Youth Group | Sundays | 6:30-7:30pm | QC Campus

Coming Up: Save the dates!

Looking ahead to holiday season, there are several fun events that you will want to add to your calendars:

Thursday, November 23 -

16th Annual Youth Turkey Bowl on Thanksgiving Day (Touch Football game)

Sunday, November 26 | 3pm -

Christmas comes to the church! Enjoy an afternoon of setting up Christmas trees, twinkle lights, and spending time laughing with your church family.

Sunday, December 3 | 2-5pm -

District Youth Christmas Movie night at Pollack theaters in Tempe

Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

Wish to give flowers for a Sunday Service in memory of a loved one, a birthday, or an anniversary? The flower calendar is next to the bulletin board - please check it and sign up! Contact Ginger Dolberg for more information at gingerdolberg@hotmail.com. Ginger is also in charge of the Altar Guild group, responsible for preparing the altar for Sunday Services. If you would like to participate, let Ginger know!

Queen Creek Campus

Worship 9:30 & 11am
SoL Teens 9:30am
SoL Kids 11:00am

20164 S. Sossaman Road,
Queen Creek, AZ, 85142

[@songoflifeumc](https://www.instagram.com/songoflifeumc)

San Tan Campus

Worship 9:30am
SoL Teens 9:30am
SoL Kids 10:45am

Copper Basin YMCA
28300 N. Main St., San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

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Our Staff

Rev. Sarai Case, Lead Pastor
Mike Wilkerson, Part-time Local Pastor
Carrie Claypool, Youth Ministries
Stacy Harmsen, Family Ministries
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Thomas Murphy, Music Ministries

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