

WE ARE SoL NEWS

:: November 2017 ::

Love God. Love Others. Change the World.

Welcome to 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! 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!



Thursday, November 2

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

Pastor Mike Wilkerson is leading the Thursday night San Tan small group meetings, focusing on church history with the book *Church History: An Essential Guide* by Justo L. Gonzalez. All are welcome!

Saturday, November 4

Refugee Service Project | 9am-12pm

Kids are welcome at the warehouse to assist but parents need to understand that it is a warehouse and there are high shelves and heavy machinery around so kids will need to be supervised. The exact tasks may vary a bit based off of donations and needs. Lifting Hands International Warehouse at 510 S. 52nd St.#107, Tempe, AZ 85281

Sunday, November 5

Safe Sanctuary Training | 12:30 | QC Campus

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.

Wednesday, November 8

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

Area 412 meets every Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm. Bible study classes for 4th-12th grades, and dinner included!

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10 to Sunday, November 12

Jim Griffith's Workshop | QC Campus

In the next few weeks and months we are looking forward to hosting Pastor Jim Griffith, a church growth expert! He has been working with us for the last couple of months, learning our history and current status of ministry. He will be with us November 10-12 and help us cast a vision for the next stage of growth at SoL. Many of our members will give direct input while he is here and everyone will be invited to be a part of the work we get to share as a result.

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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



Friday, November 17

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, November 18

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.

Parent's Night Out | 5-8pm | QC Campus | Stacy Harmsen

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



Sunday, November 19th.

Baptism & New Member Sunday | 11:00am

There are many individuals and families joining the SoL family today! If you've been thinking about becoming a member, speak to Pastor Sarai or Pastor Mike!



Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

16th Annual Youth Turkey Bowl | QC Campus

Join us for our youth's touch football game on Thanksgiving Day!

Sunday, November 26

Adult Study Group & Bible Buddies | 10:45am | Slate Restaurant

Breakfast after the 9:30 service the Adult Study Group and the Bible Buddies invite all adults to join us for fellowship and breakfast at the Slate Restaurant is located at the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch (4415 E. Village Parkway). For further information please contact Joe Hauer, hauerscience@cox.net, Jerry Shanks at geraldsha@gmail.com or Howard and Susan Franklin at 480-294-1427.

Monday, November 27

Book Club | 9:30am | QC Campus

This is a crossover group of moms from Power Ranch and SoL. There's a different book each month and an easy going atmosphere. Ahem, even if you don't finish the book, you should still come for the friendships and lively discussion. This month's book: *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin.

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

Queen Creek Holiday Parade

Come join Song of Life's float in this annual holiday parade. We will also be hosting a booth at this event.

Sunday, December 3

Commitment Sunday | All worship services with Church Conference & potluck lunch at 12:30!

Bring your tithing pledge commitments as we dedicate them at each worship service. At our church conference we'll approve the new Governance Document for our Leadership Board. Copies of the document are available in the sanctuary starting November 3rd as well as on our website.

District Youth Christmas Movie | 2-5pm | Pollack Theaters

All youth are invited to a special district-wide movie night in Tempe.

Wednesday, December 6

QC Advent Small Group | 10:30am-12pm | Panera Bread | Pastor Sarai

Pastor Sarai is leading the Advent small group. Meeting at Panera Bread at QC Marketplace. The same study will be held on Thursdays led by Pastor Mike. All are welcome!

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

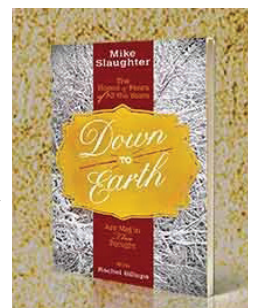
Thursday, December 7

Joy Circle | 9am | Village Inn in QC

San Tan Advent Small Group | 6:30-8pm | Barro's Pizza | Mike Wilkerson

Our San Tan Evening Small Group will transition into Advent for the coming weeks.

Same location at Barro's at Copper Basin, same time with Pastor Mike. If you can't make Thursdays, this is the same study Pastor Sarai will be leading on Wednesday mornings. All are welcome! (See back page of newsletter for where to purchase the book.)



Opportunities Aboard

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.

Advent & Christmas Sermon Series: Down to Earth



Nothing in all the vast, created universe could prepare us for God coming down as a helpless infant, or for Jesus the son of God intentionally positioning himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of lows. It's enough to confound the mind, to make the heart contrite. This Advent, God's great surprise changes everything.

Continue the dialogue with our Advent Small Groups meeting Wed/Thur starting Dec. 6 & 7 (see times & locations on front page here). Books can be purchased at Cokesbury, Amazon, and even Kindle! If you're not currently involved in a small group, you're invited to join either of the following or start a new one!

Giving with Gratitude

Ever wonder how churches do all the great, compassionate, wonderful things they do? It's because of you! Every one of us, making decisions to respond to God's call on our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness... That's how the message of Christ's love and hope enters the world!

This November, SoL is focusing on the many ways we are grateful and growing our gratitude by planning our giving for 2018. Starting November 19th, we'll begin turning all the prayer and worship of our gratitude series into action steps for giving. You'll be invited to have conversations in your home about your family's goal to reach or surpass a 10% tithe. You will receive sermons and emails supporting your discernment with spiritual guidance. Then on December 3rd, we will all commit our pledges and celebrate the hope of all the exciting, faithful ministry ahead together. There will be celebration during all worship services AND a potluck with the entire SoL Family at 12:30. This is an exciting time to be a part of SoL and indeed, all of God's work in the world!



Meet Laura! This month's Super Sol!



Laura Hauer is a long time Arizona resident blessed with many family and friends. Laura recently retired from a very full career of teaching and then working at the district level for the Tempe Unified School District. While she is happily busy with her family as well as continuing as a consultant for TUSD, she has also applied her skills here at SoL!

Laura began serving last spring as the Head Usher and really brought a lot of clarity to the way we welcome those who come to worship at our church. She's made it easier for the ushers to do what they love, showing the love of

Christ by creating a joyful welcome on our doorstep. Then, last August she accepted the role of Leadership Board Chairperson following Pastor Mike's transition from being the previous chair into being appointed to SoL as a Local Pastor. In the last few months, she has given hundreds of hours to listening and interpreting a wealth of history and information. She has enhanced the gifts of every board member, provided clear avenues to SoL's vision for the future, and even found time to lead a retreat for her fellow leaders in the church! Laura, we're blessed by your willing response to God's call into service. Thank you for inspiring so many of us to do likewise!

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FUTURE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

November 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm

December 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Happenings Every Sunday

Adult Study Group | 10:45am

Each Sunday the Adult Study Group meets at a different home for fellowship and Bible study. For further information please contact Joe Hauer, hauer-science@cox.net or Jerry Shanks at geraldsha@gmail.com.

Bible Buddies Adult Study Group | 10:45am

An Adult Bible Study Group meets at the Franklin home in Trilogy Sunday after the 9:30 am service. They will be studying "Covenants with God" by Rosanne Osborne and booklets will be available. If you are interested in joining a friendly, loving, fun group while also learning more about God, they would love for you to join them. For further information please contact Howard or Susan Franklin: 4513 E. Indigo St., Gilbert AZ 85298 480-294-1427.

San Tan Small Group | Sundays | 9:30am | Dan & Nita Moore's Home

SoL Teens | 9:30am

SoL Kids | 11:00am (PreK-6th)

Nursery Available | 9:30-11am (0-4 yr)

Youth Group | 6-7:30pm

Online Giving

Did you know that you can give to SoL online? Our general budget is funded 100% by the gifts of people just like you who Love God, Love Others, and want to Change the World. Tithe through a regularly occurring gift or give a one time offering!

Give today at

songoflifeumc.churchcenteronline.com/giving

Coming Up:

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

Worship at 8:15 is back on Dec. 3rd!

Starting with the beginning of Advent, there will be 3 services on Sunday mornings: 8:15, 9:30, & 11:00

It's Christmas Time!

Christmas Eve service times will be released very soon! Thank you for your input! Watch your email and Facebook for updates.

Operation Christ-mas Child!

We'll be partnering with Pan de Vida Foundation once again to purchase new gifts for children in our community.

San Tan Small Groups

Join us Thursday nights for San Tan Evening Small Group at Barro's Pizza Copper Basin from 6:30-8:30pm, led by Mike Wilkerson.

On Sundays, a small group study meets every morning at 9:30am at the Copper Basin YMCA, also led by Mike Wilkerson.

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!

Queen Creek Campus

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

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Come & Follow Us!

Here's what you'll find on our Facebook:

- weekly LIVE sermons
 - articles that go deeper on this week's topic
 - comments & insights from SoL members
 - up-to-date info on coming events
- (Be sure to invite your friends!)

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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
Susan Lewis, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Murphy, Music Ministries

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