

**Welcome to Song of Life!**

A church that Loves God, Loves Others, and wants to Change the World. Get connected with any of our bible studies, small groups, or social activities you see here! Also, check us out on our website and Facebook page!

**Winter & Spring Service Times >>**  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00am

**Tuesday, January 2**

**Centering Prayer | 7pm | Sanctuary | Dana Johansen**

All are welcome to come learn as well as practice Centering Prayer; a form of prayer focused on developing patience, calm, and well being. No experience necessary!

**Wednesday, January 3**

**Mandatory Parent Meeting | Sanctuary | Pastor Sarai**

Parents of kids any age, 0-12th grade are strongly encouraged to attend this event! We'll discuss the upcoming year of exciting ministry for all ages. Your input and involvement is the key to deeper spiritual growth for the beloved children of our church family!

**Thursday, January 4**

**JOY Circle | Village Inn | Linda Burdick**  
Ladies of SoL are invited to enjoy one another's company and support the ministries of SoL. Village Inn at Queen Creek Marketplace.

**Friday, January 5**

**MOPS | 9:30-11:30am | Casey DeWitt**  
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.

**Sunday, January 7**

**Renovate at SoL begins! | All services**  
This week kicks off our new sermon series using the book of Nehemiah, as well as our 2018 Pledge Campaign. There are exciting and faithful renovations happening in our church family as we look ahead to the goals we've set for 2018! (See more about this sermon series on the back!)

**Tuesday, January 9**

**Leadership Board | 6:30pm | Classroom Building | Laura Hauer**

All Leadership Board meetings are open to members and attenders at SoL except during discussions about personnel matters.

**Centering Prayer | 7pm | Sanctuary | Dana Johansen**



**Wednesday, January 10**

**Meet the Pastors | Creekside Taco Shack | Pastor Sarai & Pastor Mike**

Come have some chips and salsa (or order a drink or dinner) and get to know your Pastors as well as other SoL members!

**Area 412 | 6-8pm | Sanctuary & Classrooms | Carrie Claypool**

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

**Thursday, January 11**

**Thursday Evening Small Group | 6:30-8pm | Location TBA**

Join this group focused on going a little deeper with the Sunday morning sermons. All are welcome!

**Sunday, January 14**

**New Member Class | 9:30-10:30am | Classroom Building | Pastor Mike**

**STARTING JANUARY 2018:** This class is held monthly, during the second service hour on Sundays. We're excited that you've found deeper Christian discipleship through Song of Life and are interested in making a commitment to this church! New Members attend 2 classes to find out more about some of our most frequently asked questions:

- What does being a "member" mean?
- How are United Methodists different than other denominations?
- How can I get more involved in serving through the church?

What if you can't make 2 classes in a row? Not a problem. Just be sure to catch one EVEN month and one ODD month.

**Tuesday, January 16**

**Centering Prayer | 7pm | Sanctuary | Dana Johansen**

**Wednesday, January 17**

**Area 412 | 6-8pm | Sanctuary & Classrooms | Carrie Claypool**

**Thursday, January 18**

**Thursday Evening Small Group | 6:30-8pm | Location TBA**



**Friday, January 19**

**MOPS | 9:30-11:30am | Casey DeWitt**

**Saturday, January 20**

**Men's Group Breakfast | Slate Restaurant | Joe Hauer**

Join SoL men in a time to enjoy one another's company and support the ministries of SoL. Meeting the 3rd Sat of the month at Slate Restaurant in Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch (4415 E. Village Parkway). For further information please contact Joe Hauer at hauerscience@cox.net.

**Sunday, January 21**

**Commitment Sunday | All Worship Services | Scott Luther**

All worship services with a Church Conference and potluck lunch at 12:30pm.

**Commitment Sunday >> Jan. 21**  
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. We will also review the 2018 budget in detail during the Church Conference.

**Tuesday, January 23**

**Centering Prayer | 7pm | Sanctuary | Dana Johansen**

**Wednesday, January 24**

**Area 412 | 6-8pm | Sanctuary & Classrooms | Carrie Claypool**

**Thursday, January 25**

**Thursday Evening Small Group | 6:30-8pm | Location TBA**

**Walk to Emmaus**  
SoL is blessed to have an Emmaus community at our church. If there's enough interest, they would like to start a new group. Contact Becky Case at bcase562@gmail.com if you've already been on a weekend Walk or if you'd like more information as to what that weekend actually entails.

**Thursday, January 25 - Sunday, January 28**

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITY!**  
**Men's Walk to Emmaus | Paradise Valley UMC | Becky Case**

**Monday, January 29**

**Book Club | 9:30-11am | Sanctuary | Jenn Blaes**

Join SoL ladies as well as Power Ranch Moms in discussing different books each month. 2018 selections are those that have also been made into films. Which means there are also occasional movie nights! Children are welcome at the meeting, but separate childcare is not provided - we discuss as they play. To join the Facebook group, please contact Jenn Blaes at jennblaes@yahoo.com.

**JANUARY:** "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood

**Tuesday, January 30**

**Centering Prayer | 7pm | Sanctuary | Dana Johansen**

**Wednesday, January 31**

**Area 412 | 6-8pm | Sanctuary & Classrooms | Carrie Claypool**



**Thursday, February 1**

**Thursday Evening Small Group | 6:30-8pm | Location TBA**

**Thursday, February 1 - Sunday, February 4**

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITY!**  
**Women's Walk to Emmaus | Paradise Valley UMC | Becky Case**

**Tuesday, February 6**

**Leadership Board | 6:30pm | Classroom Building | Laura Hauer**

**Centering Prayer | 7pm | Sanctuary | Dana Johansen**

**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](http://songoflifeumc.churchcenteronline.com/giving)

## January Sermon Series: Renovate – Building a Life with God

Based on the book and small group materials by Jacob Armstrong.

Renovating a house can be an exciting and rewarding experience. But the act of renovation can often leave the house in a state of disarray, causing stress and frustration. In the same way, God wants to renovate your life by altering the “old you” and creating a “new you” with an improved heart. It's not going to be easy, and your life might experience some disarray, but renovating with God is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Using the Book of Nehemiah, popular author and pastor Jacob Armstrong explores the physical and spiritual renovation experienced by the nation of Judah. Nehemiah knew that his plan for renovating the wall and gates of Jerusalem would be hard work. But equally hard would be the spiritual renovation of the Jewish people as they returned to their homeland.

Thankfully, spiritual renovation is not a do-it-yourself project. We need God's great power working through us to renovate our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Sunday topics include:

- Never Too Late for a Renovation
- It Starts with Tears
- What to Know Before You Build
- When Others Don't Like Your Plans
- Inviting Others to Come Home
- The Big Reveal



### Get the Book

Find the book for this sermon series on Amazon for around \$12.

### Dear Song of Life Family,

Your dedicated and passionate Leadership Board has more updates following the visit of church growth consultant Jim Griffith! As you may recall, the top 3 priorities SoL is focused on are:

1. Deeper focus on growing through utilization of our Queen Creek single campus.
2. Concentrating on fewer things, but doing them really well.
3. Updating the image of our property, inside and out.

The Leadership Board is pursuing the best ways to steward our resources in a focus on Sunday mornings and worship experiences at SoL. This includes a broader opportunity for volunteer involvement and increasing giving to the general budget. A 3-week pledge campaign in January will give insight into the full range of SoL ministries. The budget this year will be discussed in details at the Jan 21st Church Conference and will reflect necessary changes in staff, all aimed at growth. Let us continue to enhance and grow our strong SoL community together, in the name of Christ.

## Lent Sermon Series

Based on the book: Creed by Rev. Adam Hamilton

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this six-week study for Lent, Easter, and beyond, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

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### FUTURE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

January 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm

February 6, 2018 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, hauerscience@cox.net or Jerry Shanks at geraldsha@gmail.com.

### Bible Buddies Adult Study Group | 10:45am

Join this friendly, loving, fun group while also learning more about God. The study is called “Covenants with God” by Rosanne Osborne and booklets will be available. Meetings are held in the Franklin home in Trilogy Sundays following the 9:30 am service. 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 Kids | 11:00am (PreK-6th)  
Nursery Available | 9:30-11am (0-4 yr)  
Youth Group | 6-7:30pm

## Coming Up:

Looking ahead to Lent, there are several events that you will want to add to your calendars.

### February 11 | New Member Class

9:30-10:30am | Classroom Building | Pastor Mike

### February 13 | Fat Tuesday Potluck SoL Front Patio | Ginger Dolberg

Bring a dish to share and kick off Lent with a celebration!

### February 14 | Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm

Ashes and candy hearts? You bet. Love is broad enough to include both and rich enough to need them both.

### February 26 | Book Club 9:30-11am | Sanctuary | Jenn Blaes

February's Book: “The Glass Castle” by Jeannette Walls

## Dual Membership

Do you spend part of the year with SoL and part of the year at another church? We understand and would love to have you as a Dual Member with Song of Life UMC! Keep your membership back home, but make a commitment that reflects your love of SoL as well! Please attend ONE of our New Member Classes, held every 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:30am, to get more information about this great opportunity.

**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!

### SoL Campus

Worship 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00am  
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  
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