



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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## We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

This has been a tough month for us as events continue to crowd in for our attention and we feel a sense of emotional overload.

- The loss of life in the suicide blast outside the airport in Kabal resulted in the loss of life for 13 service personal of our military along with the loss of people unfortunate to be in the area at the time. We grieve for their families.
- A 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haitai wreaking devastation and killing over 2,000 people.
- Hurricane Ida coming 16 years after Katrina in the Gulf of Mexico has devastated many lives and infrastructure.
- Forest fires continue to destroy so much in their wake as they create an Armageddon effect resulting in flooding and loss of property.



- The Covid pandemic continues to rear its ugly head again affecting people as it also creates division on how to respond.

How does one truly make a difference?

I find it helpful to pray, expressing my frustration to God even as I request help and wisdom in how to best respond.

It helps to be part of a church structure that funds the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) that responds to these kinds of needs with volunteers and financial resources to help victims. It is comforting to know that when there is a disaster in this world UMCOR will be there making a difference.

I invite you to join me in writing a generous check to our church designated for one or more of these needs at this time. We will forward it to UMCOR. To learn more about UMCOR go to its website and see the ways in which our gifts truly make a difference long after other relief agencies have gone.

We can't be there in person to make a difference but through our prayers and donations, we can help make a difference.

Marvin

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## Worship Services



**August 29, 2021**



**August 22, 2021**



**August 15, 2021**

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## UNISON PRAYER

Creative and loving God, you fashioned the world and its inhabitants for relationship with you. You flung the stars into the heavens and set the planets in their courses and then created us in your own image. We thank you for planning this world in such a way that we can join you in creative ways



with the work of our hands, hearts, and minds. Grant us strength to do well the work you left for us. May all our labors be pleasing not only to us but more importantly to you as well. Forgive us when we complain about our lot in life and misuse the creative power you have invested in us. When our work is done may we be able to enjoy our promised rest, as we lay down the tools of our labor and rest secure in your love rather than our own achievements. Amen.

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## JOIN SLUMC!

If you are interested in joining Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, please stop and visit with Pastor Marvin or call the Church Office (480) 895-8766.



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## GRIEF SHARE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8



*GriefShare*, begins Wednesday, September 8, 1:30 pm in Room 4, facilitated by Pastor David Holling.

You may register in Lindsay Hall or by calling the Church Office at (480) 895-8766. The *GriefShare* workbook (\$15) can be purchased at the first meeting.

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## SWEET LIFE CAFE OPENS SEPTEMBER 9!

Sweet Life Cafe opens Thursday, September 9, at 12:00 pm, in Room 4!



Don't miss this 9-week discussion, facilitated by Cathy Smoot, on the different Christian denominations. As an aid for the class, a foldout comparison will be available for purchase.

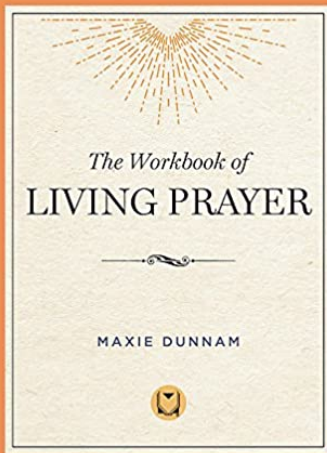
Sign up in Lindsay Hall or call the Church Office to register (480) 895-8766.

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## LIVING PRAYER

Do you want to enrich your prayer life?  
Experience a special group experience?

Join Pastor Dave for 6 weeks, beginning



Thursday, September 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm as he facilitates an experiential study where the emphasis will be on learning something new about prayer and where participants will be inspired to pray.

Basic expectations include an openness to others in the group, attendance at all 6 sessions, a commitment to doing the daily assignments, and a willingness to grow. If you are unable to meet these expectations due to travel or other plans, then this group is probably not for you.

Come, join us, and have your prayer life rejuvenated!

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or contact Pastor Dave at (480) 895-8766, Ext. 106 for questions.

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## MISSION TEAM NEWS

The Missions Team delivered 103 pounds of donated food and EGG CARTONS (lots of egg cartons) to AZCEND locally in Chandler.



Every time there is a delivery it is especially heart-warming to see the military volunteers working in the warehouse in their "camo uniforms". It really hit close to home today when our flags fly at half-mast for the 11 Marines and 1 Navy medic who lost their lives in Afghanistan. What selfless men and women. God bless them all.

A huge THANK YOU for your generous participation.  
Cheryl Gerblick for the Mission Team.

PS. We also have lots and lots of "stuff" for the victims of the wildfires in the Heber area. I'll update you on that after the next trip up there. Stay tuned

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## PRAYER



You are encouraged to pray for the churches, centers, and pastors of the East District of the Desert Southwest Conference. You may even send a card or note to the pastor or churches for which you are praying.

The September list is as follows:

- White Mountain UMC, Show Low

- Velda Rose UMC, Mesa
  - UMC of Casa Grande
  - Tongan UMC, Mesa
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## HOPE WOMEN'S CENTER



September is almost here and we are asking you to consider providing a noon meal for our Center. We continue to put each meal in a To-Go container. Please remember a simple lunch is wonderful: a sandwich and fruit, a salad or a casserole. You are all good cooks and our ladies enjoy everything you make for us. We thank you so much for your ongoing support.

On another note, we are growing and we really need more volunteers. If you would consider donating an hour a week or a half-day a week please call Jolyn at Hope's Woman's Center in Coolidge to see how you might help.

If you would like to sign up to provide a lunch for the women, click **HERE**.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

### **Altar Flowers were provided on August 22 by:**

- Julian and Marily Pickens in celebration of the 24th wedding anniversary.




### **Altar Flowers were generously provided on August 29 by:**

- Donna Jones and Jack Slocum.
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## PEANUT BUTTER PIE XV



## INGREDIENTS

- 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 (10 ounce) package peanut butter chips
- 2 ounces smooth peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract  Local Offer
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ½ cup chocolate syrup

# Directions

## ✔ Step 1

Place 1 cup of cream in a small saucepan. Heat to just below the boiling point. Place peanut butter chips, peanut butter, and vanilla extract in food processor. With processor running, slowly drizzle hot cream down pouring chute. Process until mixture is completely smooth. Set aside to cool.

## ✔ Step 2

In a large bowl, whip cream until soft mounds form. Slowly add sugar while continuing to beat, until cream forms stiff peaks. Gently fold in cooled peanut butter mixture. Do not incorporate completely; leave some white streaks in mixture.

## ✔ Step 3

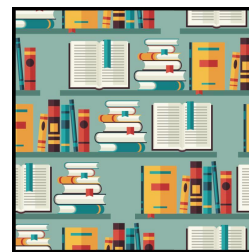
Pour mixture into graham cracker crust and chill at least 6 hours. Drizzle each plate with chocolate syrup before serving.

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## YOUR LIBRARY

For later summer reading, visiting the SLUMC Library.

- *Just Shy of Harmony* by Philip Gulley
- *The Next Place* by Warren Hanson
- *All Night, All Day, Angels Watching Over Me* edited by Evelyn Bence
- *All Things Are Possible Through Prayer* by Charles L. Allen
- *The Book of Success: Time-Tested Thoughts On How to Enjoy a Rich and Fulfilling Life* edited by Richard Shea
- *Care of the Soul: A Guide to Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life* by Thomas Moore
- *Encounters With the Living God* by Robert Martin Walker
- *The Greatest Salesman in the World: You Can Change Your Life With the Priceless Wisdom of Ten Ancient Scrolls Handed Down for Thousands of Years* by Og Mandino



Also available are Suduko, Crosswords, Word Search, and Adult Coloring books!

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Art Brown, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Kathleen Brown, who died on Wednesday, July 21 in Prescott, Arizona.

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