



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Word has begun circulating within the congregation about my upcoming "re-retirement." This brief notice is to fill in some of the details.

It is my intention to end my ministry at SLUMC no later than Easter (April of 2022). Part of the reason for such advance notice is to hopefully help in securing my successor and for the church to have an adequate timeline to make the appropriate decisions. Should someone become available sooner, I have indicated to Pastor Marvin and the Pastor Parish Committee my willingness to step away before Easter.



It has been an honor and privilege to minister in such a great congregation and to work alongside our outstanding leader Pastor Marvin. However, the time has come when I know this is the right decision for Kathleen and me. We have had much discussion over morning coffee and have committed it to prayer. It is by no means easy

as you have afforded me opportunities that I thought were over when I ended serving in my last church before my "first" retirement as pastor and second career as a pastoral counselor.

Our plans are to head back to the Midwest (Wisconsin) where we will purchase a home up north. However, for at least a few years it is our plan to be snowbirds, keeping our home in Sun Lakes Country Club and doing the twice yearly trek. While my official ministry is coming to completion, our in-person friendships and relationships will continue—we both look forward to that.

So thank you, one and all for your support, encouragement, and kind words. You will see us for part of each year in our pew (though we need to resume paying rent). We will still root for ASU, and of course, the Packers and Hawkeyes. And we will hold in our hearts wonderful memories of three years in ministry at SLUMC.

God bless you and this church, both inside and outside the walls.

Pastor Dave



Friends,

With the news of David Holling's re-retirement next spring and the Administrative Council Meeting yesterday I share the following with you:

The Pastor-Parish Relations team and I will be working to ascertain what we need staff-wise for our ministry here at Sun Lakes? Do we need a full or part-time associate? What might be some ways for us to add laypersons to the staff with specific portfolios in ministry such as Joan Loose with Stephen Ministries? What might we need as we move forward in partnership ministry with Chandler First Church? This is an opportune time for us to think outside the box from the way we have always done it. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated as we move forward.

Persons have been inquiring regarding the time and number of worship services, safety protocols, and other matters. The following sums up what was decided at the Council meeting.

Due to the increasing numbers of hospitalizations and deaths, we will err on the side of caution and safety. Masks will continue to be available for those desiring. We will continue with one worship service on Sunday morning at 9:00 am to be evaluated after the first of the year to perhaps add a second service. The offering will be received at the door or through the mail. There will be one Christmas eve service at 4:00 pm on December 24.

We will continue to receive Communion as we have recently.

We will begin a 4:00 pm Saturday Service in the Chapel in mid-January

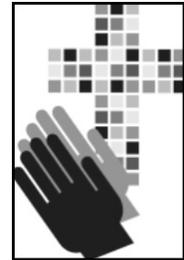
as we will have a musician then. We need volunteers to run the PowerPoint and Sound systems.

Our annual church meeting with Rev. Susan Brims will be Thursday, December 2 at 10:00 am. Various items of business include setting the Pastor salaries for 2022. Watch for more details as we get closer to the day.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, teach us to value our lives and relationships more than our need to be right. Save us from getting caught in the moment to the exclusion of the big picture and what is best overall. Forgive us for the ways we argue, accuse and hold things against each other. Help us to more carefully listen to each other so as to avoid the need to win at all costs. Deepen our appreciation of the unique gift we are to one another. We pray for our country in these difficult days of accusations, uncertainty, and concern about the future. Guide us to remember you are an understanding friend, an empowering and sustaining presence in the midst of uncertainty and fear. Like the psalmist of old we will hope in you, for you are our help and our God. Amen.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If you are interested in joining Sun Lakes United Methodist Church next time we receive members, please stop and visit Pastor Marvin or call the church office at (480) 895-8766.

TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (TNT)

TNT tonight - DNA Fingerprinting

Do not miss the last TNT for the year!

This afternoon at 4:00 pm in Lindsay Hall, Denny Steele will help us understand how DNA fingerprinting works, and why it is so effective. He will investigate the history and use of DNA for identification and explore what happens when things go wrong.



MEMORY LOSS 101 - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Memory Loss 101 - Is This Normal Aging?

Don't miss this opportunity to find out what's normal and what isn't when we think about memory loss. Whether you may be noticing a change or shift in memory with yourself, a friend or loved one, or just want to get some facts - Please join us to get some answers.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 30, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Presentation 1 - 2:15 p.m.

Open Forum Question and Answers 2:15 — 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 E. Sun Lakes Blvd N, Sun Lakes
Limited Seating. Reserve your spot today.

Email or call now: admin@slcep.org or 480-203-8548



Need a break to attend this class? Complimentary Engagement at The Perfect Place Adult Day Program (23914 S. Alma School Rd, Sun Lakes) if you have a loved one who can't be left alone. You'll still be able to attend and get the information you need. Limited Availability - CALL NOW.

Presenter: Elaine Poker-Yount, CDP, PACÔ Certified Dementia Trainer, Successful Aging Contributor to the Arizona Republic, Aging Advocate, Family Care Coach, Director of Care Management at Visiting Angels East Valley, Chair, Creative Engagement Partners.

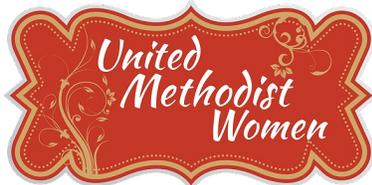


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Working to create Sun Lakes as a
Dementia Friendly
Community

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



Mark your calendar for the next unit meeting of the Sun Lakes United Methodist Women tomorrow at 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall.

The November meeting will be our World Thank Offering. This special mission giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world.

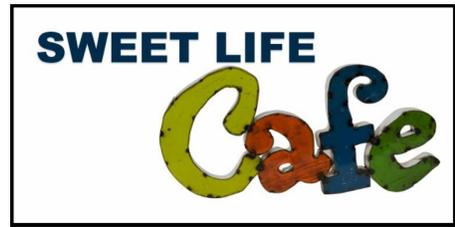
In addition, Betty Sanders from the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse will also be our guest speaker. Plan on joining us for this interesting presentation!

We are still collecting **non-spiral-bound** notebooks for the prison ministry (can be purchased at the Dollar Store) and as a reminder, the church is still collecting Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House. These can be left outside the church office in the mail center or in Lindsay Hall.

SWEET LIFE CAFE - ADVENT STUDY

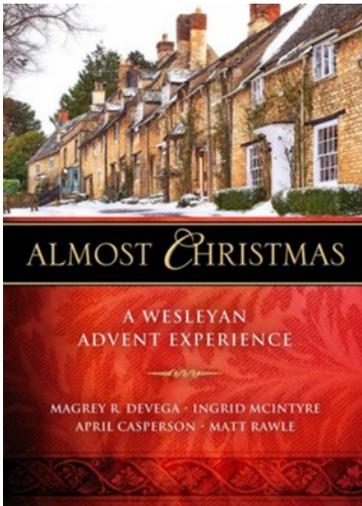
Sweet Life Cafe opens for an Advent study!

Beginning this Thursday, November 18 join this 4-week study of *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. Discover the meaning behind the names of Christ and the historical and spiritual significance of his birth.



We will meet in Room 4 at 12:00 pm on November 18, Break for the Thanksgiving holiday, and resume December 2, 9, 16.

ADVENT STUDY



Join one of our Advent study opportunities this year!

Almost Christmas is a Wesleyan Advent experience that invites us to move in our faith journey to be altogether Christians. Each session is composed by a different author that brings about some new insights into our faith.

Watch for signup sheets in Lindsay Hall this Sunday.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

This Sunday we welcome the Red Mountain Brass to assist us in our praise and thanksgiving to God for all the ways we have been blessed in our lives. During our Consecration Sunday service, we will be invited to make our commitment to God for the coming year.



I look forward to sharing with you a joyous and meaningful worship experience.

SINGLES SOCIALS RETURN!

Mark your calendars! The Singles Socials begin Tuesday, November 30, from 9:30 am to 11:00



am in Room 1 and will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month!

Come mix and mingle while we share coffee, donuts, and bagels! We will take this time to welcome our new congregation members, get updates for group activities, and enjoy some great face-to-face fellowship!

GOBBLE GOBBLE!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in Thanksgiving food for Hamilton High School!

We have been asked to provide 80 dinners for needy families and were provided a list of must-have items and items we like to include as extras.



So far we have everything except:

- Sweet potatoes

Extras:

- Cereal (18 oz size)
- Beans, any kind

The Missions Team provides the turkey, bread, and pie.

Items can be left in the Missions tubs or the red wagon in the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were provided on November 14 by:

- Larry and Ruth Palmer in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.
- Nancy Sjolin in memory of Bob Sjolin.



LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the Carlson family and friends on the death of Billy Carlson, January 7. A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 22,



11:00 am at Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetary.

...to Don Woolf, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Diane Woolf, Friday, October 15. **A memorial service will be held at Palo Verde on Monday, November 22, at 12:30 pm with a reception to follow (note time and venue change)**

...to the family and friends of Art Brown who died on Saturday, November 6. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 11:00 am for both Art and Kathleen Brown.

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