



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church



Friends,

Today is the shortest day of the year! Beginning tomorrow the sun will rise a few minutes earlier and set a few minutes later. giving us a bit more light each day.

As we have been counting the days of Advent to Christmas, we have been lighting a candle each week remembering the coming of Christ is drawing near. The themes each week include Christ coming in final victory, the message of John the Baptist, and the events prior to the birth of Jesus Christ. On Christmas Eve we will light the Christ Candle as we celebrate his birth. John 1:4-5 tells us *"...in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."* We will also light individual candles to affirm he is the light of the world, and he is the light of our life as well. He shines through us to touch others. And we gather each week for worship to declare he is with us and we are not alone. The light continues to shine.

Because of the rapid spread of the omicron virus, we are requiring the

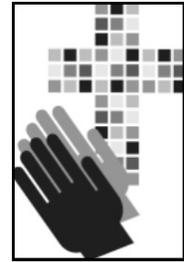
wearing of face masks once again in our worship services. I do not like wearing them any more than you do, but I also want to be safe and not want to pass anything on to others. Signs are posted and persons will be available to pass out masks to those who don't have one. Please pass the word to family and friends who attend with you. Thank you for your cooperation!

For your convenience both the Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 26 worship services will be live-streamed on YouTube. You may access our YouTube page [here](#).

Finally, a word of thanks to you for the holiday greetings and goodies you shower on the staff. We are grateful.
Marvin

UNISON PRAYER

Lord God, at the nativity in Bethlehem you came among us as Jesus. He became one of us, so we might be brought close to you. Help us receive him as our Savior. Enable us to listen to him, to hear what he says to us of your truth. Above all, help us forsake our sin and follow him when he calls us. Help us move from the manger in Bethlehem into the world to tell and demonstrate that the one born in Bethlehem is also the King of the world and Lord of all life. Amen.



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**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
4:00 pm**

**Morning Service
Sunday, December 26
9:00 am**



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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.

CONGREGATION NEWS

With the reports of an uptick in the Covid variant, we are requiring everyone to wear a mask and use **hand sanitizers**. **Handshaking should be avoided as well.**

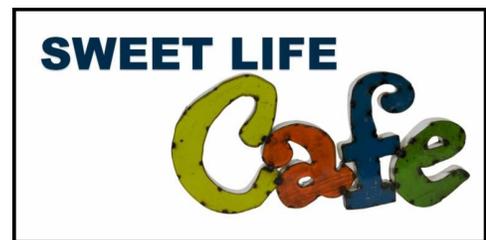


We want everyone to be safe.

SWEET LIFE CAFE OPENS IN 2022!

Do you love food? Did you ever wonder what the foods referenced in the Bible tasted like?

Do not miss this exciting *Sweet Life Cafe*, Thursday, January 6, 12:00 pm, Room 4.



The Psalmist declared, "*Taste and see that the Lord is good*" (Ps. 34:8). We will be doing a video study by Margaret Feinberg who will lead us through the foods in the Bible and how at the table we learn to taste and see the goodness of God.

HALE THEATER!



Tickets are available for the Hale Theater performance of "Chaps" Friday, January 28 at 4:00 pm.

"It's 1944 and America's favorite singing cowboy Tex Riley and troupe are late for a special radio broadcast. Out of desperation, the tour manager enlists a snobby announcer, an amiable sound man, and a very ordinary, mediocre soap opera actor. Then, he slaps them into costume, hands them scripts, and shoves them in front of the studio audience! The chaotic hilarity that ensues is pure delight."

To reserve and purchase your ticket (\$32) you must sign up in Lindsay Hall or contact the Church Office at (480) 895-8766. Tickets must be paid for by Tuesday, January 11, are first come first serve and non-refundable.

Transportation is not provided for this event.

GRIEF SHARE BEGINS



Have you lost a loved one recently? Have you been trying to get a handle on your grief for some time? If so, *GriefShare* is for you. The classes begin Wednesday, January 12, in Room 4, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm.

GriefShare is an important ministry at Sun Lakes UMC. Dozens of people have been helped over the years as they worked through their grief following the death of a loved one. *GriefShare* is intended to help in the healing process as you move on your journey towards your new normal.

Each session makes use of a video, has discussion and sharing, and a workbook (\$15) for use between classes. For more information or to register contact the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!

SLUMC is embarking on a new prayer ministry beginning Wednesday, January 13, in the Chapel. Pastor Dave is inviting anyone and everyone who is interested in praying for specific members and friends of the congregation to join him from 9:30-10:00 am each Thursday morning.



Prayer requests come in regularly to the Church Office. In addition, prayer boxes are located in the Sanctuary Narthex, the Chapel Narthex, and the entrance in Lindsay Hall where people place their requests using specific prayer cards.

We will gather on Thursdays for a brief devotional time led by Pastor

Dave, then go over the prayer requests that have been submitted, have a time of collective prayer, then distribute names to be prayed for over the next week. We will also have time to share any answers to the prayer of which we are aware.

This can be a meaningful time for the church and for individuals who choose to participate, as well as an opportunity to expand your prayer life. Prayer makes a difference and we need "prayer warriors" to make these differences happen. Will you join us in this important ministry?

FRY'S GIVE BACK



Do you shop at Fry's food stores or any affiliate of the Kroger companies?

You can register to have your purchases count towards a donation from all Kroger companies to SLUMC! Pick up an instruction flyer in the Church office.

Good News! You no longer have to re-enroll every year!

Through Fry's Community Rewards Program, Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, with a total of 31 households, received \$52.04 in donations resulting from activity between September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were provided on December 19 by:

- In memory of Art and Kathleen Brown by their family.
- Jim and Ginger Dolberg.
- Jay McIntyre in honor of Carol McIntyre's birthday.



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the Cofield family and friends on the death of Greta Cofield on Monday, December 20. Memorial service information is pending.

...to Noella Bannister, family, and friends on the death of her partner, Dick Nelsen on Friday, December 11. A memorial service will be held

on Tuesday, December 28, at 11:00 am.

...to Jeanne Price, family, and friends on the death of her husband, Don Price on Sunday, December 5. Memorial service information is pending.

...to Nadine Vogel, family, and friends on the death of her husband Dick Vogel on Monday, November 22. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 27 at 10:30 am.

...to the Cloar family and friends on the death of Dr. Robert Cloar on Tuesday, November 23. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 19, 1:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.

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