



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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## We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

For the past several years we have had a large poinsettia tree grace our Sanctuary through the donations given in memory of loved ones. This year we are unable to find the 150 uniform plants from the same source needed to create the tree. We have been promised 30 plants to be delivered for the December 19, 25, and 26 services. If you would like to help with the cost just make your donation to the Poinsettia fund.



Our annual church conference went very well with our District Superintendent presiding. Reports were given and the pastor's salaries were approved in the same amount as last year. If you would like a copy of the Council and Pastor reports, contact the church office for a paper copy or have one emailed to you.

Due to the pandemic, several vacancies have occurred in our Administrative structure. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following teams: Endowment, Legacy Giving, Nominations, Pastor Parish

Relations. To learn more, contact the church office and I will be delighted to visit with you regarding your interest.

We are hoping to open the chapel for Saturday afternoon services beginning in mid-January. We have a pianist lined up, but we need a volunteer(s) to run the PowerPoint system and sound system.

Marvin

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## UNISON PRAYER



Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. We wait, we hope, we yearn. We want the broken things in our lives repaired. We long for the pain and sorrow of our past and present healed. We desperately wish we could go back and redo some things in our lives. We live with regrets and memories we are unable to blot out. Come anew, Lord Jesus. Come and find those of us wandering in the wilderness of life. Come, bring hope to those who have given up hoping. Come as light to our darkness. Come and speak a word into the deadly silence of our relationships. Wash us with the soap of your life-changing, forgiving love. We yearn for meaning and purpose in our lives. Come and refine us. Come to us, there is room in our lives for you. Amen.

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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



We learned that two of our members who has been in worship tested positive for Covid even though they had two vaccination shots.

With that in mind and the reports of an uptick in Covid variant, it seems wise to **suggest** that we all wear masks and use the **hand sanitizers** again on Sundays **as you enter. Handshaking should be avoided as well.**

We want everyone to be safe.

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## SINGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 16, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Room 1.

Singles will celebrate the Holiday Season with a White Elephant Pizza party.

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or call the Church office!



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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Get your tickets!

The United Methodist Women's Christmas luncheon, catered by Flordino's, will be held on Wednesday, December 15, at 12:00 pm in Lindsay Hall.

Tickets (\$15) will be sold each Sunday after the worship service. You may also purchase tickets in the Church Office. Only **80** tickets will be sold for this event.

*Hands of Joy*, a sign language choir, will provide the program for this event. They have signed all over the state of Arizona performing at the Phoenix MLK Celebration, opened Diamondback baseball games with the National Anthem, and have taped several segments for Sign Out, a TV show produced by KAET for the deaf community.

We look forward to seeing you on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## VETERANS CIRCLE OF HONOR

Christmas is a wonderful time to recognize the veteran in your life with a handsomely engraved paving block placed in the Veterans Circle of Honor. This long-lasting and thoughtful recognition of former or ongoing faithful service to our Country is extremely gratifying to our service members and is always warmly and gratefully received.



The Monument is undergoing renovation, but there is still time for

engraving and placement before Christmas. Should you not know a deserving veteran, contributions for maintenance and flag replacement in the Veterans Circle are always welcomed and deeply appreciated.

Howard Strouse

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## **SMALLER IS BETTER!**



When members of the Missions team took a trip to Heber, they found there is a great need for smaller-sized (Dollar Store) cleaning products. She emphasized smaller. This allows the Heber pantry to serve more households.

Again, they expressed their immense appreciation for your donations.

Take care and stay warm!

Cheryl Gerblick for the Missions Committee

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

### **Altar Flowers were provided on December 5 by:**

- Harry and Julie Hise in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Cora Lathom-Levensky in memory of Paul R. Lathom.



## **THANK YOU!**



Once again the Missions Team is amazed and overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation!

Thank you for your continued support of the Missions team. We have been able to meet and surpass our original budget for the year. In addition, clothing, household goods, shoes, blankets, and hygiene items have also been donated to various agencies. Hundreds of rolls of toilet paper found a home because everyone wants toilet paper! We provided hundreds of pounds of food to the AZCEND food bank in Chandler and the Open Box Pantry in Heber.

Thank you to the fantastic crew of over 20 people who assembled all the goodies for 80 Thanksgiving dinners, and, because so much had been donated, 20 more were packed up for distribution!

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to doing it all again next year!

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

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



...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.

...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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