



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Our annual church conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 2 in Lindsay Hall at 10:00 am. It is not an extended meeting but a most important meeting inviting us to be accountable for our ministry and the use of gifts and graces we share. The District Superintendent presides. On behalf of all the other United Methodist churches, she is ascertaining how it is with our soul and ministry?



Reports are given by various members. The pastor reports regarding our church and ministry from his perspective of the past year and looks to the future. The pastor's salary for the coming year is recommended by the Pastor Parish Relations Committee to the Administrative Council. The Administrative Council approves or changes the recommendation and then moves approval at the church conference to be included in the annual budget.

I invite you to join in this important meeting for our church.

UNISON PRAYER

Forgive our impatience, O God. Forgive our tendency to take things into our own hands as we look for swift, simple solutions to our problems. Teach us your slower, more gentle, and sensitive approach, taking time as love is added to intelligence. Grant us patience. Help us to trust you fully so we might wait expectantly and seriously for your gifts. As we light candles this Advent season, may we never outgrow a childlike sense of wonder. May it overwhelm us with uncontained joy and excitement leaking out of our lives everywhere. Save us from being overwhelmed with all that must be done. Help us to stay focused on Jesus, the reason for the season as we wait with hope, looking for peace, and expecting something meaningful to happen. Amen.



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 one of our members who was in worship last Sunday **then tested** positive for Covid even though she 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.

Marvin Arnpriester and Larry Palmer

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.

Watch for details!



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) go on sale Sunday, November 28 after the worship service and will be sold each Sunday. 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 15th.

YOUR LIBRARY

With December almost upon us, here are some of the Christmas books which are on display in the library:

- *The Dogs of Christmas* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *The Purpose of Christmas* by Rick Warren
- *One Incredible Moment* by Max Lucado
- *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans
- *The Meaning of Christmas* edited by Phyllis Hobe
- *Holding Heaven* by Jerry B. Jenkins and Ron Dicianni
- *Christmas From the Backside: A Different Look at the Story of Jesus Birth* by J. Ellsworth Kalas
- *When Christmas Came to Bethlehem* by Charles L. Allen and Charles L. Wallis Allen



PRAYERS



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 2021 list is as follows:

- Scottsdale UMC
- Red Mountain UMC, Mesa
- Primera Iglesia, Phoenix
- Phoenix Native American Fellowship
- Journey UMF, Maricopa

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were provided on November 28 by:

- Judy Domenico in memory of her husband Ed Domenico.
- Teri Nasett in memory of her husband Chuck and mothers Mary and Audrey.



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Becky Newell who died on Sunday, November 14.

...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. Memorial service information is pending.

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