



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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## We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Lent invites us to watch and pray. That is to be intentional in our lives. As we begin this season of Lent focusing on the Lord's Prayer, I invite you to join me in reflecting on these words of John Wesley, *"Pray, just as you are led, without reasoning, in all simplicity. Be a little child, hanging on him that loves you."*



Most of the time, I feel I am a beginner in this matter of prayer. Just as each day is a new beginning, it seems to me that each time we come to God, it is in some way a new beginning. Wesley's words encourage me to remember that God welcomes us, even when our attempts at praying the "right words" fail. God welcomes our prayers, even when our prayer has no words. I believe prayer is offering ourselves to God, trusting God to lead us as we rest in God's love. It is being honest with God and with ourselves about how it really is in our life. **We do not need to invite God to be with us.** God is already here. Prayer is opening ourselves to and claiming God's presence in our lives. Prayer is having a conversation with our best friend, the one who knows all about you and still chooses to

love and accept you.

Prayer is not some magical hocus-pocus or instant fix. Prayer is not telling God when to report for duty at the snap of our fingers. Prayer is the process by which we maintain the relationship with God as we listen, reflect, share our thanks, hopes, needs, and concerns with the one who loves unconditionally.

### **Maybe the key is to quit trying so hard and trust God more in childlike faith!**

A disciple came to the master and asked, *"Is there anything I can do to make myself enlightened?"* The master responded. *"As little as you can do to make the sun rise in the morning."* *"Then of what use are the spiritual exercises you prescribe"* responded the disciple? With gentleness the master said, *"To make sure you are not asleep when the sun begins to rise."*

Marvin

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## **UNISON PRAYER**

Creating God of all your children, make us human channels through which your love may reach the hearts and lives of those nearest us. Grant that the light you have kindled within us will continue to grow, spilling out into our relationships with all persons. Help us remember others in need. Hear our prayers for those facing great temptation, those suffering consequences of wrong and sin they have committed, those struggling with loss and continuing grief, and most of all, those not even aware of their own needs. Hear our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who came to set the captive free. Amen.



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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.

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# Come & Go Service – March 2

9:30 am – 11:00 am in the Chapel

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WEDNESDAY

**Guided Reflection - Silence and Prayer**  
**Holy Communion - Imposition of Ashes**

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## ADULT EDUCATION AVAILABLE



The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation adult education program has its first activity for 2022 on March 8 and 15, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, led by Rabbi Wiener and Pastor Marvin entitled:

### **"The Separation of Church and State...What Happened?"**

The March 8 seminar will focus on the intent and history of the efforts to separate church and state from 1776 to 1940. The second session will cover 1940 to the present day. This topic, although a hallmark of the U.S. Constitution, is misunderstood by many citizens. This interdenominational examination of a vital aspect of American democracy should be of interest to all.

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## HALE THEATER!





**Open to the congregation!** Sign up for the Hale Theater performance of "Brigadoon" Saturday, March 26, at 3:00 pm.

*"A major Broadway hit with one of the most romantic scores ever written!" While on a hunting trip to Scotland, an American named Tommy happens upon a mythical Scottish town that appears only once every hundred years and instantly becomes mesmerized by its charms and a sweet "lassie" named Fiona. "Come ye from the hills! Come ye from the mills!" and join us for a most unforgettable evening!"*

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 **Friday, March 11**, are first come first served, and are non-refundable.

Transportation is not provided for this event.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Altar Flowers were provided on February 27 by:**

- Suzanne Campbell in memory of her parents, Billie and Jim Hood.



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## MISSION NEWS

A big thank you from the Missions Team for all the peanut butter--and jelly!

We collected 501 pounds of peanut butter which will be distributed to AZCEND food bank and the *Open Box Pantry* in Heber.

Peanut butter is a great source of protein and in a pinch can be eaten right out of the jar. It is one of the staple foods at the food banks and the jelly is a bonus!

Thanks again for your generosity.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

As we head into Spring and can enjoy sitting on the patio in the beautiful weather, stop by the SLUMC Library and pick up a good book!

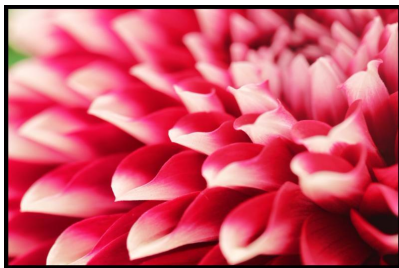


- With Liberty and Justice: A Look at Civil Law and the Christian by Lynn Buzzard
- Glimpses of Heaven by Trudy Harris, R.N.
- The Living Reminder: Service and Prayer in Memory of Jesus Christ by Henri J.M. Nouwen
- Growing Slowly Wise Building a Faith That Works by David Roper
- Magnificent Prayer: 366 Devotions to Strengthen Your Prayer Experience by Nick Harrison
- No Greater Power: Perspective for Days of Pressure by Richard E. Harrison
- 50 More Stories and Songs by James D. Wood
- The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck, M.D.

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

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Jim Rinehart, who died on Tuesday, March 1. Memorial service information is pending.

...to Suzanne Ferrell, family, and friends on the death of her husband, Dr. Michael Ferrell on Thursday, February 24.

...to Ellyn Martin, family, and friends on the death of her husband, Don Martin, who died Saturday, February 5. A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 4 at 10:30 am.

...to the family and friends of Bob Craft, who died Friday, January 28. Memorial service information is pending.

...to the family and friends of Don Baldwin who died Monday, January 10. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 12, 11:00 am in the Chapel.

...to the family and friends of Martha Paffenroth, who died Wednesday, January 5. Memorial service information is pending.

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