



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Today is Aldersgate Day for United Methodists.

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley felt the assurance of salvation he had been yearning and searching for in his life.



He had been a Christian all his life, a priest in the Church of England. He was operating under the mistaken notion that he had to make himself acceptable to God in order to be forgiven of his sins. He believed the mistaken notion that as sin lessens, grace increases so that as one sins less, God will love them more. He had even gone to the Georgia colony in America as a missionary with high hopes of accomplishing great things. He was going to convert the savages, grow the church in faith and witness. But... he failed completely. He went back to England a broken man. He was questioning his faith and wondering if he really was qualified to be called a 'Christian.'

Disillusioned and discouraged, he finally agreed to attend a meeting on May 24, 1738, with Peter Bohler, a Moravian preacher friend. He later described in his *Journal* what happened:

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change in which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

He realized forgiveness of sin is a gift of God. It cannot be earned. We don't deserve it. Salvation is God's gift to all humanity by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are saved by grace through faith. It is a pure gift.

He came to understand that his notion of salvation had been upside down. He did not have to earn or become holy enough for God to accept him. This heartwarming experience changed him. He began to preach and teach with a new awareness of God's love expressed by the author of Ephesians 2:8-9. *"For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."*

As you contemplate the wonderful mystery of God's grace in your life, may your heart be wonderfully warmed.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Thank you God for choosing to dwell with us. We are grateful you do not deal with us on the basis of what we deserve; but on the basis of your extravagant unconditional love. You overlook our faults. Our sin matters to you, but you forgive our sins when we confess them. You set aside our guilt because you love us with a deep love that will not let us go, even when we try to avoid and deny it. Help us to become more accepting and understanding of those who are different from us even as you have accepted us. Guide us to look for the good in others. Save us from those fears which haunt our lives and relationships. Help us grow more into the likeness of Jesus Christ who accepted and loved everyone, including every one of us. 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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Hello East District!

In the late 1950's the Desert Southwest Conference paid to build the Baker Center on Tempe First's Campus. This building was built with the intention of being a space for campus ministry. However, over the years, TFUMC used this space for Urban Outreach. The Wesley Foundation then moved to

various spaces on the church campus.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Wesley is moving back in! We are excited about the ministry opportunities this building will provide. Before this can happen, the building needs some TLC. We are looking for individuals or groups who would like to assist in this work.

We are planning workdays on **Saturdays, June 4, and June 18 from 8 am-12 pm**. The tasks for these days will primarily be painting, cleaning, and organizing a kitchen. Please share this information with persons or groups in your congregations who may be interested.

In addition, if you have groups who want to come at a different time, contact Rev. Jamie Booth at pastorjamie@tempefirstumc.org or at (618) 292-3917 and we can likely accommodate them.

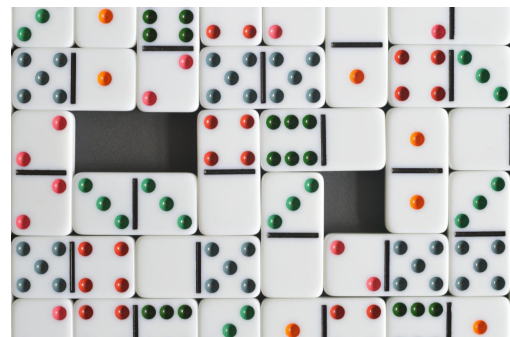
Thank you for your support of this Conference-wide ministry!

Rev. Jamie Booth, Campus Pastor
ASU Wesley Foundation

FOOD AND FUN!

Chandler United Methodist Church - Adult and Family Ministries is hosting a potluck and group game night on Saturday, June 4, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm!

Bring your favorite dish to share and then join in on some group games - fun for all ages! Water and lemonade will be provided.





Sign up by Thursday, June 23 to reserve your ticket to the Hale performance of "The Little Mermaid". The performance of this production is Saturday, June 4 at 4:00 pm.

"A headstrong mermaid trades her beautiful voice for a pair of legs and a chance at true love. This Disney musical features well-known songs such as "Under the Sea," "Part of Your World," "Kiss the Girl" and more. A loved timeless musical that will submerge fans, young and old, into an exciting adventure under the sea! Don't miss this family-fun show!"

Tickets are (\$32) and must be paid for by Thursday, June 23, are first come first served, and are non-refundable.

Ride-sharing is encouraged!

THANK YOU!



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for your contribution of healthy animals and training
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Pierre A. Furman

Heifer International

April 2022

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ALTAR FLOWERS WERE PROVIDED ON MAY 22 BY:

- Claire Smith in honor of the Cookie Bakers and Hostesses who make Sundays so special!



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Ron Young, family, and friends on the death of his wife Dotty Young, Wednesday, May 18. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 25, time TBD.

...to Elliott Bond, family, and friends on the death of his wife Ellen Bond.

...to the Harms family and friends on the death of Jack Harms, Sunday, May 22. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.

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