



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

I call your attention to three important matters:

Sunday, July 17 we will celebrate Christmas in July as we feature a hymn sing of Christmas carols and emphasize Christmas.

Sunday, July 31 will feature a pulpit exchange. Rev. Jonathan Arnpriester pastor at Chandler UMC will preach here at Sun Lakes and I will preach at Chandler UMC.

Lynn Leatham from *Water, Wind & Fire* has just informed us of their schedule for the remodeling of the Sanctuary in August. This creates the following schedule:

- **August 7** - worship in the Sanctuary and reception of members.
- **August 10-12** - we need volunteers to move the chairs out of the



Sanctuary and Choir Room to Lindsay Hall. We will also move the piano and altar furniture into the choir room.

- **August 14** - worship in Lindsay Hall
- **August 21** - worship in Lindsay Hall
- **August 28** - worship in Lindsay Hall
- **September 2-3** - we need volunteers to move the piano, altar furniture, and chairs back into the sanctuary and choir room.
- **September 4** - worship in the Sanctuary.

We plan to have a re-dedication celebration of the Sanctuary in early fall.

\$21,000 has been received for this project so far. Thank you for your support.

Marvin

The Kairos Newsletter will deliver every other week during the summer, returning to once a week in the Fall.

UNISON PRAYER



Loving God, we thank you for sending Jesus Christ into this world as the image of yourself. In him you have shown us how you would have us live as an invitation to life with meaning, purpose, and joy. We confess our need to put number one first, to win at all costs, and to make sure we are noticed. This interferes with our full embrace of your invitation. Forgive us, and help us hear your truth, even when it challenges us to change and amend our wicked ways. We confess our fear of change for we are

comfortable with things the way they are. Shake us up, open our eyes to see with a new perspective, and give us the courage we need to follow Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you are interested in joining Sun Lakes United Methodist Church on August 7 when we receive members, please stop and visit Pastor Marvin or call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.



TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER RETURNS...WITH A TWIST!



TNT returns!

Join in an evening of food and fine music Tuesday, August 9 at 5:00 pm with the dynamic duo of Cris and Bart Evans, bringing their musical talent to kick off Tuesday Nights Together (TNT)!

Enjoy an evening of familiar hymns, songs old and new, possibly a few solos, or even a sing-along! Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this fun evening. There will be food, coffee, lemonade, and water available for a free-will offering. Dinner/food-5:00 pm, music program at 6:00 pm.

Due to popular demand, TNT will now be once a month, year-round!

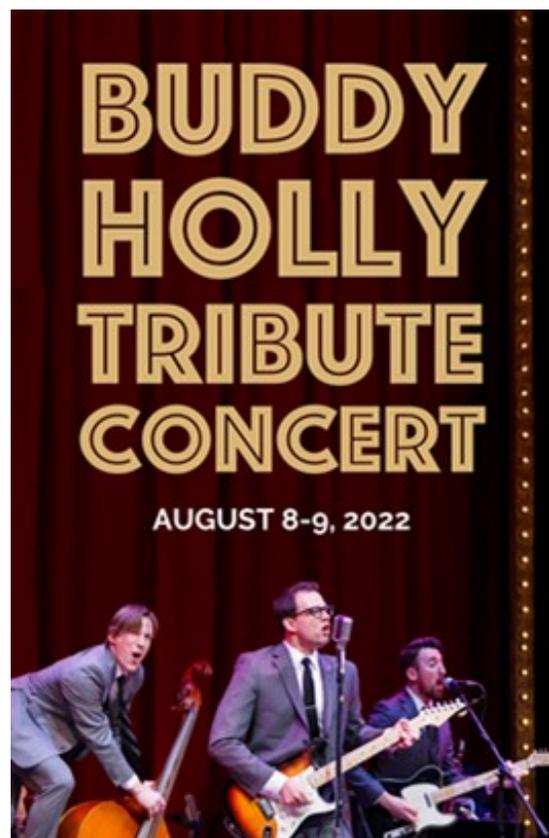
Please R.S.V.P. (necessary for church planning purposes) by calling the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.

Do not miss the "Buddy Holly Tribute Concert" Tuesday, August 9 at 4:00 pm.

"A high-energy tribute to the popular hits of Buddy Holly and the Crickets that you won't want to miss! Join Todd Meredith, who has appeared nationally as Buddy Holly for the past decade, along with a live band as they perform hits such as Peggy Sue, That'll Be The Day, Rave On, and more!"

Tickets are (\$45) and must be paid for by Thursday, July 28, are first come first served, and are non-refundable.

Ride-sharing is encouraged!



HONORED!



The Arizona chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (AzACDA) presented Cris Evans the ***Lifetime Achievement Award*** last Thursday during their yearly state Conference. Members of AzACDA are choir directors of all types—church, community, public & private schools, universities/colleges, boys choirs, girls choirs, gospel choirs, jazz choirs, etc.—

covering a wide range of demographics and cultures.

The recipient must be nominated by an AzACDA member and voted on by the statewide membership. The ***Lifetime Achievement Award*** is given to recognize that conductor/teacher/director who has consistently done excellent work in the field of choral music over an extended period of time. Cris has now joined a long line of superb choral conductors, one of whom is the person she succeeded at SLUMC—Mel Kinney.

Cris's presentation was done by two people—one of her former high school choir students (who now teaches high school choral music) and by a former student teacher (who now conducts choirs at the collegiate level). Their presentation was a moving tribute that included statements and stories from many former students, singers, colleagues, and our own pastor, Marvin Arnpriester!

Her choirs have been a haven for years for all her singers. She teaches and conducts with joy, fun, energy and sincerity. She is a true Pied Piper, who gains a strong following of people who love to sing under her direction—including me, her loving, adoring husband!!

I am extremely proud that she has gained the recognition she so richly deserves!!

-Bart Evans



The following information was presented by Peggy Humphreys on Sunday, July 10, 2022 to the congregation.

Today I would like to tell you where we get our money for our missions and how we spend it.

Our Team receives 3% of the Church budget or \$3,845.98 every month. Our Chairperson, Julie Hise, asks for a higher percentage every

opportunity she gets.

We also get donations from individuals in our Congregation. Any money that comes in and is designated for Missions comes to us. If you want it not only to go to Missions but to a specific organization that we support we will do that as well.

In 2021, the Missions Team contributed \$59,627.66 to various charities. About 50% were local and 50% were National or International.

Some of our International Charities, like Doctors Without Borders, Feed My Starving Children, UMCOR, Esperanza (an orphanage in Mexico), and Heifer International are well known to most of you. Our local Charities are known to you as well, namely Lura Turner Homes, Doves (helps abused seniors), UMOM (the largest homeless shelter in AZ), Streetlights (prevention of sex trafficking for teenagers), Justa Center (is not a shelter but helps seniors by providing showers, a laundry facility, and computer access), and AZCEND (offers community programs, supplemental food, and emergency shelter in the southeast valley). All of the organizations that we support are researched to ensure that they do not have an excessive amount of overhead.

- All of the toiletries that we ask you to bring back from hotels are put together in individual bags for the homeless. Thank you Claire Smith.
- Laundry detergent, toilet paper, and soap are delivered to Justa Center. Thank you Nancy Schofield.

Do you know that we have homeless children at Hamilton High School? We contribute money to the school so that they can provide juice and granola bars to children who come to school without having eaten breakfast. We also provide 80 Thanksgiving baskets to low-income families whose children attend Hamilton HS. Some of the students help us to put together and distribute these baskets - last year it was the girl's softball team.

The Missions Team doesn't only need money. We need your time.

- Help Claire put together the toiletries.
- We need donations like when we have the peanut butter drive and "Undies Sunday".
- We need boxed cereal, tuna fish, soap, and toothpaste.

There are large, gray, collection boxes in the Narthex, Lindsay Hall, and the Church Office.

These are only the highlights of the Missions Team. There are more organizations that we support. If you would like more information or if you have a favorite charity, that you would like to present to the team, contact Julie Hise anytime.

The Missions Team

FRY'S REWARDS

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 29 households, received \$57.97 in donations resulting from activity between March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022

THE SHELBYNEXT CONVERSATION CONTINUES



Darby, Vincent, and Suzanne are standing in a group at Hospitality hour talking among themselves.

Vincent to the group: "Has anyone asked you three about the ShelbyNext app?"

Darby replies: "No one has asked me yet, but I'm telling everyone that I can. I love the new app!"

Suzanne: "So do I! The calendar is so handy." she continues "Just the other day I decided I would join the Prayer Team but I couldn't remember what time it started. I looked on the ShelbyNext app and there it was, Thursday at 9:00 am in the Parlor."

Darby: "It is amazing, and it's updated daily!"

...to be continued

ALTAR FLOWERS WERE PROVIDED ON JULY 3 BY:

- Bev Miller in memory of Jerry Miller's 90th birthday, July 4.



ALTAR FLOWERS WERE PROVIDED ON JULY 10 BY:

- Jim Loomis in memory of Jim and Kathy Loomis' 63rd wedding anniversary.

- Dave Holling honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Kathleen and Dave.

HOME VASE!



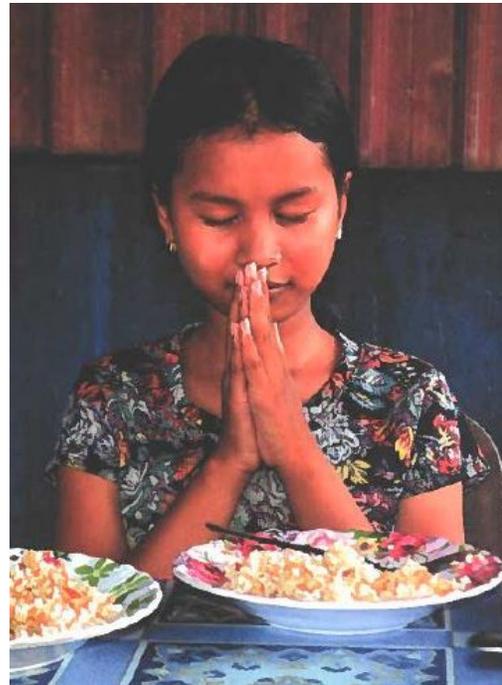
Help Us Recycle! - If you recently ordered flowers for a Sunday worship service and took them home, consider recycling the vase. After the flowers have faded away, bring your white (ceramic or plastic) vase back to the Church Office, and we will use it again and again. Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN!

*Hello Mission Team,
Your faithful support over the year
has changed the story for 884 of
God's kids. The hope you shared
has changed their trajectory. Thank
you for joining with FMSC to
make hope greater!*

Until all are fed,

Clint



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Judi Horn, family, and friends on the death of her husband, Richard Horn, who died on Tuesday, June 21. Memorial service information is pending.

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

**JULY
ANNIVERSARIES**

JULY CALENDAR

**NEED
PRAYER?**

**ELECTRONIC
GIVING FORM**

**CIRCLE OF HONOR
BRICK ORDER FORM**

**CALENDAR EVENT
REQUEST FORM**

FACILITY USE FORM

**CUSTOIAL REQUEST
FORM**

THE SCENE

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