



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Over a century ago a clergyman, Phillips Brooks spent a Christmas in Jerusalem. He went to an impressive liturgy service that lasted several hours. He then spent part of the evening on the hillside outside Jerusalem. Looking out at the small town of Bethlehem, he realized Christ is there too. He then wrote the beloved carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.



I invite your attention to these words, *"yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light, the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."*

Our world, our homes and families are a lot like Bethlehem when Jesus was born. We know something about hopes and fears don't we? There are tensions and pain, misunderstandings and difficulties, joys and sorrows, celebration and loneliness in our lives and in this world. Phillips Brooks reminds us the good news of Christmas is that there is no place too dark,

too small or too ordinary for Jesus to be born There is no life too troubled,
no life too insignificant or too hopeless where God cannot come.

Join me in pondering the reality of a God who loves you and me so much
as to be born in such a way and place so everyone can be included. We
join in worship to celebrate our Savior's birth anew in our lives.

Marvin



Christmas Eve Service

3:00 pm • 5:00 pm

Chancel Choir

Christmas Day Worship Service

9:00 am

UNISON PRAYER



Lord, give us patience to wait with expectancy for your advent among us. Patience is not a natural virtue for us. We like to have things when we want them, especially when we are in pain or distress. Help us as we await the fulfillment of your loving purpose in our life and for this world. Between your promises and their fulfillment, may we find useful and meaningful things to do which will add to the quality of life. Grant us willingness to place the ultimate significance of our lives in your hands. Teach us to wait patiently for the right time, in your time, when your loving purpose shall be accomplished in our lives and in our world. May our eyes and ears always be attentive to the movement of your spirit working in and around us to make all things new. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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



CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Mark your calendar! The Sun Lakes Chorale will perform its annual holiday concert this Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Tickets can be purchased at the door (\$10).

Do not miss this wonderful Christmas concert!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



A Christmas Cantata

Sunday - December 11, 2022

9:00 am in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Mark your calendar for the annual SLUMC Christmas Luncheon sponsored by United Women in Faith.

The luncheon will be held Friday, December 16, at 12:00 pm with the program to follow at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary where you will enjoy the talented Sun Bells!

Tickets (\$15) will be on sale after the worship service on Sunday, December 11. You may also purchase a ticket in the Church Office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

A FAITHFUL HEART: DAILY GUIDE FOR JOYFUL LIVING

How many of us hope to start 2023 with fresh new beginnings? The New Year is a great opportunity to put our best intentions into action!

The late comedic columnist, Erma Bombeck shared some of her New Year's Resolutions:



- I will go to no doctor whose office plants have died.
- I'm going to apply for a hardship scholarship to Weight Watchers.
- I will never loan my car to anyone I have given birth to.

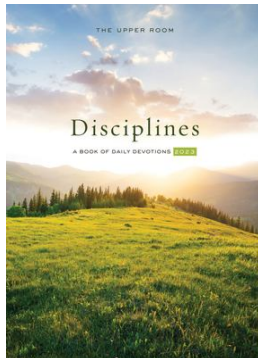
Bishop Sally Dyck offers just such an opportunity with her book, *A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide For Joyful Living*. In her book, Sally offers 8 weeks of brief, daily essays concerning ordinary life events to help readers explore how connections to God and other people throughout events in our lives give us the heart to face life's many demands and to find joy with a sense of God's presence and the support of others.

Join Pastor Judy in the daily readings, **beginning January 1, 2023**, and

meet weekly as companions on the journey to share insights, ask questions and explore more deeply how to cultivate joy through a faithful heart on Thursday mornings, beginning January 5, 10:00 to 11:00 am in Room 2.

If you're interested in participating in this group, and/or have questions, please contact Judy@sunlakesumc.org or pick up your book in the Front Office after December 18.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES 2023



Center your heart and mind on God each day with *The Upper Room Disciplines*.

Readings in this year-long devotional will awaken and strengthen your awareness of God's presence in your daily life. Each week a different Christian thought leader offers daily meditations, scripture readings, and prayers that will help you engage God's Word.

The Upper Room Disciplines feature a focal scripture passage for each day, short daily meditations from 53 thought leaders from diverse Christian traditions, a reflection or prayer to carry with you each day, weekly scripture overviews, an index of scripture readings, and a guide to daily prayer.

Stop by the Church Office and pick up your copy of *The Upper Room Disciplines* (\$15.)

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of Craig Currie who passed away on Thursday, November 24 in Washington. A family service was held in Washington.



...to David Rolf, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Jeanette Rolf, Tuesday, November 22. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 13, 2023.

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