



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

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Friends,

Through the years of my ministry, I have been asked how one can know if something is true to the Christian Faith. I have been helped by William Barclay, an eminent Scottish Biblical scholar. In his ***Daily Bible Study*** series, he shares the following:



You can know a false prophet or preacher or religion if:

1. The emphasis is on gain or success, usually numbers or money.
2. The desire is for prestige and the stress is almost always on one's own importance.
3. He or she wants his or her or its "truth" to prevail. Makes sure you know they are always right. Is unable and/or unwilling to ever admit being wrong.

4. Everything has to make sense and must be correct at all times.

Evidence of a false religion:

- It generally pushes externals.
- The emphasis is on prohibitions or "Thou shalt not."
- It's an easy religion. (Just keep these rules and do only these things and everything will be fine).
- It divorces religion and life, with emphasis on going to heaven rather than on living out one's faith day by day.
- It is usually arrogant and separating because it knows it is better than any other religion.

Dr. George LaMoore, a retired professor at Iowa Wesleyan College said something I have never forgotten in a discussion regarding cults, programs, and religions that stifle, use and hurt folk. **A false religion is like someone taking a single piece of pie and pretending it is the whole pie.**

For the times in which we live this causes me to ask, is our faith concerned with all of life, or are we only emphasizing pieces?

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Lord, I am an empty vessel needing to be filled, so please fill it. I am weak in my faith so please strengthen me. Warm me and fill me with a fervent love which will reach out to my neighbor. Strengthen my trust in you for sometimes I doubt and am not sure I trust you. I am grateful you came to be merciful to sinners. Pour your forgiveness anew into my life and blot out my sin, guilt, and shame so I might know peace and joy in my life and relationships. 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.



WOMAN'S RETREAT!

The United Women in Faith (formerly United



Methodist Women) will have their annual women's retreat on Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in Lindsay Hall.

The theme is "*Hope: Your Hidden Potential*" and our very own Associate Pastor Judy Claycomb will be the facilitator!

Tickets (\$15) will go on sale after worship on January 22 and January 29 in the Portico or can be purchased in the Church Office. Your ticket includes entry to the event, a continental breakfast, and lunch.

This is an excellent opportunity to unite in fellowship with other women to start the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

HALE THEATER!

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Andrews BROTHERS

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JAN 17 - MAR 7, 2023

Sign up by Thursday, February 9 to reserve your ticket to the Hale performance of "*The Andrews Brothers*". The performance of this production is Monday, February 20 at 4:00 pm.

A USO performance from the Andrews Sisters is in jeopardy when they fail to appear. Thankfully, three earnest stagehands are determined to go on with the show! The Andrews Brothers is filled to the brim with 30 songs made famous by the Andrews Sisters and other top artists of the era in this WWII show of mistaken identities and madcap adventures.

Tickets are (\$35) and must be paid for by Thursday, February 9, are first come first served, and are non-refundable.

Ride-sharing is encouraged!

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS SEMINAR - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19



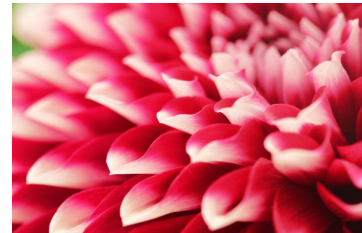
The Gardens team is sponsoring a Final Arrangements seminar Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel.

Representatives of SLUMC Gardens team and United Methodist Foundation will discuss various preparations that can be made prior to death. Topics will include memorial service planning, cremation versus burial, advantages of pre-planning, estate planning with wills and trusts, as well as the facilities offered in *The Gardens*, a memorial columbarium for inurnment, or burial of cremated remains.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to Bill Bartoo, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Paula Bartoo, Monday, December 26. A memorial service will be held on January 25, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Chapel with a reception lunch to follow in Lindsay Hall.



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