



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

The Sun Lakes UMC Counseling Services began as a ministry of our church on April 1, 2016, to provide services for those desiring.

Dr. Julian Pickens who is a member of our congregation was downsizing his private practice and agreed to provide counseling services on a part-time basis at the church.



Deb Ralston joined him in providing part-time as well. When she retired, Mary Sievert joined the staff on a part-time basis to replace her.

This ministry has touched many lives through the years and continues to provide a safe haven, listening ear, and caring heart to help persons in time of need.

Dr. Pickens has retired effective December 31, 2022. We will recognize

and honor him on Sunday morning with a reception in Lindsay Hall following the worship service. I encourage you to greet him before he goes to teach his Sunday School class at 10:30 am.

Thank you Julian for the difference you have made in the lives of many individuals through the years of this unique ministry.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Almighty God, your son, our savior Jesus Christ, came into the world so we might have light in our darkness rather than death and despair. We have vowed to follow him, but our hearts wander away. We desire to be faithful but we allow other desires to crowd out our good intentions. We are dazzled by the world's charms. We are like spoiled children who are easily bored, even when surrounded with many good gifts from you. Help us see through the false promises which surround us. May we remain focused on the true light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. May he be seen in us. May he be heard through us and may his love radiate from us in all we are and do. Amen.

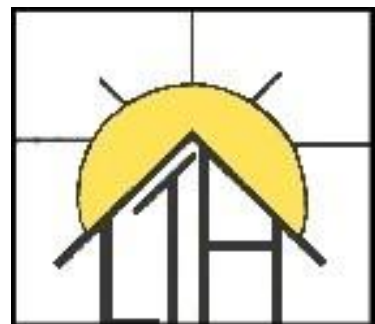
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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. Members will be received on Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am.

LURA TURNER ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Do not miss the Lura Turner Homes' 13th annual Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, January 28, at Medison Baptist Church, 6202 N. 12th Street, Phoenix. Advance tickets (\$20) for adults and children tickets (\$10) can be purchased by contacting Max McQueen at Lura Turner Homes (602) 943-4789.



Enjoy entertainer and one-man band Igor Glenn while feasting on a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by Personal Touch Catering. Hidden Treasures Antiques will have collectibles and paintings for sale. All proceeds benefit the special needs men and women who live at Lura Turner Homes for Developmentally Disabled Adults in central

Phoenix.

This non-profit was founded in 1965 by the late and beloved Methodist deaconess, Lura Turner. For more information, please contact Max McQueen at Lura Turner Homes (602) 943-4789.

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 be on sale after worship on 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!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS!

Mark your calendar for the reception of new members on Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Contact Pastor Marvin Arnpriester to make arrangements.



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 **Room 1**.

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.

TODAY, I AM GRATEFUL FOR...

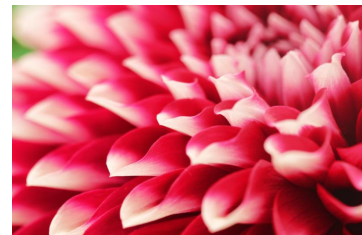
Since mid-October, when the *Today, I Am Grateful For...* project started, members and friends have recorded almost one hundred entries in the Gratitude Journals. Thank you for continuing to praise God for things we often overlook. Listed below are some of your more recent responses:

- Being able to come to church.
- God beside me as I go through physical pain.
- All the efforts of those involved in the education, assistance in the church office, and support and assistance for those hurting and vulnerable.
- Being alive today and for all the blessings we share.
- Sunshine in the morning, a car to drive to church, and good friends to hug. God, protect our wonderful pastor!
- Our choir having the privilege of praising our Lord's glory through music—joining heaven and earth's joint praises.
- The amazing church staff here! They are always with us whenever we need help (such as making labels for the "Gratitude Journals").
- God still using me in some way and allowing me to be alive, joyful, and active!
- The recent wonderful rain and how it cleans the air, cools the earth, and waters the plants.
- Hearing aid and vision devices that allow us to hear and see God's wondrous and marvelous world and people.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to Joe Abrutz, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Beverly Abrutz, Monday, January 23. Memorial service information is pending.

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



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