



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Some six weeks ago we were hearing *"it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"* as people began to get ready for Christmas. We are now on the other side of new year's eve. Christmas decorations are being put away for another year and life is getting "back to normal," whatever that means. I am grateful for the folk who showed up to decorate the buildings for Christmas and for those who helped take down and store the decorations for another year. Both setting up and taking down the decorations seem a bit surreal. Both make changes to our normal routine. So, while the decorations have gone away, I hope that Christmas will continue to inform, challenge, and bless our lives.



Theologian, Howard Thurman wrote a poem that continues to haunt and challenge me to keep Christmas all year long. I hope it will speak to you as well.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

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.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS IN JANUARY



SLUMC has a strong history of grief support ministries following the death of a loved one.

If you are seeking to connect with a grief support group this winter, there will be an

information/organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 1:30 PM in the Parlor with Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb.



The Night Will Be Filled with Music!

Join *We Three* (Beverly Borneman, Jenny Kao, and Martha Wood) on Tuesday, January 10 as they bring a program of songs, both familiar (*Unforgettable*) and some less familiar (*I Can Sing, I Can Fly*). Accompanying them will be Vicki Deken and her flute.

Music is a great way to start the New Year, so we hope you will join *We Three* and Vicki for a night filled with music.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm with the program starting at 5:30 pm. Please R.S.V.P. in Lindsay Hall or by calling the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

UWF NEWS



United
Women
in Faith

The next United Women in Faith unit meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall!

Mark your calendar for the UWF annual retreat to be held Saturday, February 4 at 9:00 am in Lindsay Hall. Our new associate pastor, Rev. Judy Claycomb, will be leading the retreat on Hope! Look for more details in an upcoming Kairos.

Happy New Year! May it bring peace, health, and happiness to you and yours!

Ginger Dolberg
Communications

STOCK DONATION INFORMATION



Donating stock is a good way to help with year-end planning.

If you have stock that now is worth more than your cost, you can give shares to the Church and avoid paying capital gains taxes on your gain. Also, depending on your circumstances, you may be able to take an income tax deduction for the

amount of your gift.

Tell your brokerage firm or investment advisor to transfer the number of shares you wish to give to the Church's account at Charles Schwab & Co. Have the brokerage firm indicate DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40. All securities must include the Church's name and Schwab account number:
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
Account Number 1706-8379
Tax ID No. 86-0583833

For any questions, contact Jerry Poe, our Stock Manager, via e-mail at jerry.poe@asu.edu or by phone at 895-7793.

UWF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE



In December the Christian Fellowship Circle met at Christy Thomas' home

for their traditional Christmas potluck dinner and gift-wrapping party. The gifts were soft, cuddly pillows and lap blankets for residents at Chandler Post-Acute & Rehabilitation.

The Christian Fellowship Circle meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm in the church parlor. All are welcome! Our theme for the year is "A Year of Enlightenment." You will learn all kinds of things without even trying! And you will have fun. Any questions, please call Christy Thomas at 480-216-9637.

CHURCH OFFICE



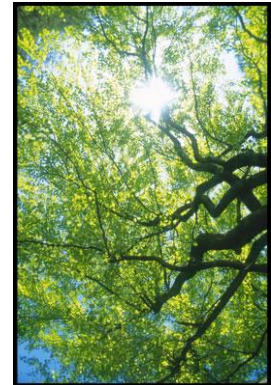
The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; re-opening on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...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, at 1:00 pm in the Chapel.

...to the family and friends of Margot Pierce, who died on Wednesday, December 7. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm in The Garden.

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



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