



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

It was a special time last Sunday morning to join in affirming and thanking Dr. Julian Pickens as he retires from active ministry in counseling. While continuing his private practice he has given many hours here at our church. Only God knows how many persons have discovered a better life through his ministry with them. Thank you Julian!!! Thanks to members of the Pastor-Parish Team and Hospitality Group for hosting the reception in Lindsay Hall following the service.



Sunday morning we will receive new members as they join our church. I encourage you to be present for this special time in the life of our congregation. I am always touched by how the grace of God moves in people's lives as they express that faith through membership in a local church.

Mark your calendar for Transfiguration Sunday on February 19. The Red

Mountain Brass will be with us for our annual Mardi Gras service the Sunday before Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent. On Wednesday, February 22 we will provide an opportunity for a "Come and Go" imposition of Ashes in the Chapel during the day. Watch for further details.

May we continue to be found faithful to following Jesus Christ as we grow together in love and care for each other.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER

Lord God, you alone deserve our worship. Enable us to offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us. May our worship form us as your people. Guide us to live in harmony with the songs we sing. May our hearts be united in the prayers that form on our lips. May the word of God dwell in our lives as it is read and proclaimed in our gatherings. Grant us to always find our unity and our first loyalty in Jesus Christ. May we learn to share the gifts you have given us as we share the bread of life which is your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 this Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) will have their annual women's retreat this 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) are on sale in the Church Office until February 1, 2023. 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 this Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Contact Pastor Marvin Arnpriester to make arrangements.

HALE THEATER!



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!

CHANDLER UMC PANCAKES!



Adult and Family Ministries is hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast on *Saturday, February 18 from 7:30am - 10:30am*. Our amazing chefs will be making pancakes to order in your choice of plain, blueberry, or chocolate chip. We'll also be serving breakfast sausage and fresh fruit. We'll have a variety of beverages available for you to enjoy as well. The breakfast is free but donations to help cover the cost of food are always

welcome. Invite your friends and family for a morning of delicious food and fabulous fellowship!

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.



February 21 – When we celebrate some of our presidents!

Would you like to learn about President Lincoln? Even meet him? Join us on Tuesday, February 21 in Lindsay Hall to enjoy an informal presentation by this truly remarkable man. We will celebrate this president and even be allowed to ask him questions! This TNT will prove to be the most exciting yet.

Dinner will serve at 5:00 pm with the presentation starting at 5:30 pm.

Please R.S.V.P at (480) 895-8766 so we have enough food for everyone!

AMAZON SMILE NEWS



In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities.

However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations, more than 1 million globally, our ability to make an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change; from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

Thank you for being an Amazon customer.

ALTAR FLOWERS WERE PROVIDED BY:

- Anthea Harrison in memory of her husband, Douglas Harrison.
- Dick Johnson in memory of his wife Doreen Johnson's birthday.
- Howard and Loie Rudge in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.



TODAY, I AM
GRATEFUL FOR...

Members of our congregation and others who use our church's facilities continue to record the things for which they are most grateful. Thank you for continuing to praise God for things we often overlook. Listed below are some of your more recent responses:

- The rain we received. We could use more!
- Our church and its yummy food!
- The United Methodist Church for hosting this very special and helpful informative event. God bless you all for your kindness to this community and the elderly.
- Being home after three weeks in Wisconsin. I've missed my church family.
- My heart is gushing with gratitude to God and all the ways evident in my husband's medical procedure. The doctor's expertise and care as the nurses, and X-ray lab persons, too. I'm grateful for the scientists and engineers who invented the devices that kept his heart pumping. We are so fortunate.
- Last Friday afternoon a red maple tree was planted in Dublin, Ohio, in memory of our daughter.
- The accessibility to get vaccines against bad illnesses in life, and also that the Saturday night worship service has returned.
- God has kept me on a straight path to always be the best I can be.
- The opportunity to be able to exercise and get around in general. God is good to us.
- Grateful for just being alive. Workout classes have been helpful and the people are amazing.

PRAYERS

You are encouraged to pray for the churches, centers, and pastors of the East District of the Desert Southwest Conference. You may even send a card or note to the pastor or churches for which you are praying.



The February list is as follows:

- Desert Mission UMC, Scottsdale
- Desert Foothills UMC, Phoenix
- Dayspring UMC, Tempe

LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the Akin family and friends on the death of Claire Akin, Saturday, January 28. Memorial service information is pending.

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

pending.

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