



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

Easter reminds us that every day is Easter Day. Robert Raines in *The Splendor of Easter* writes, ***"To be an Easter Christian, is to see something, somewhere, of Jesus Christ in every person you meet and come to love, for love has its own peculiar vision. When you do love another person, you see something of Christ in them."***



God has given us a wonderful gift if we are open to receiving it, Jesus Christ in every other person we meet. I know it may be difficult to see Jesus Christ in someone else at times, but if we carefully focus, we can find something good in every single person, even if it is only an example of something we ought not to be or do in our own life.

Easter confirms that all Jesus taught and how he lived his life is true. He told his disciples and through them tells us, *"I have come that you might have life in all of its fullness."* That is what each of us want in the core of our

being. We want quality, meaning, and purpose in living day by day. As we are connected to Jesus Christ by faith, we discover the depth and quality of Easter in our own life and relationships.

Dr. Gary Armstrong, a colleague in ministry shared a quote from a seminary classmate of his which speaks to me of the ongoing presence of Jesus Christ with us today.

**Here and now in this place, Jesus comes!
Not as we have known him before, not as we want him to be, but
as he chooses.
Here and now he is present.
Holy is his time!**

Friends, for Christians, every day is Easter Day from now on. Thanks be to God for the gift of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Almighty God, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. We marvel at your power to change sorrow into joy through the appearance of Jesus to disciples hidden in a locked room because they were afraid. Like Thomas, we too struggle with doubt, wanting proof we can see and touch. We thank you that Jesus came back and did not leave the disciples in their fear and confusion. By faith, we dare to believe you have the same concern for us. Speak hope to our fears so we might live in the security of your love for us each day. We are grateful that by your grace and power, we too shall be raised from death to life. Help us live each day with confidence that because he lives, we too shall live. Help us to follow more carefully your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in living toward eternal life, both in ourselves and in our relationship with others. 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.





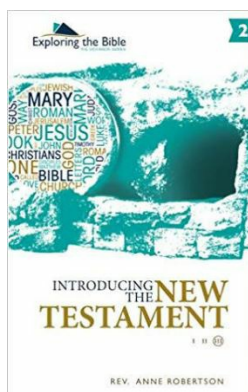
Native American Ministries Sunday is April 23!

Native American Ministries Sunday equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations, and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this annual conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

The United Methodist Church, the world, and our communities are in a time of transition. Together, God's church is partnering to repair past harm, support programs and celebrate Native American ministries. Now, perhaps more than ever, United Methodists are called to extend healing and hope that can guide us to transformational ministries. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's creation to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

Please be part of reparation and celebration through your support of Native American Ministries Sunday. Information cards and giving envelopes are available in the Narthex, Lindsay Hall, and the Church Office. Please be sure to add NAMS to the memo line of your check if you do not use an envelope. Thank you!

INTRODUCING THE NEW TESTAMENT CLASS



Join Rev. George and Cathy Smoot, beginning this Wednesday, April 19 at 10:00 am in Room 4 for an exploration of the New Testament covering what Nazareth was like in the 1st century, what scholars know and don't know about Jesus, how Paul really wrote all those letters, as well as the wild and baffling book called Revelation.

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Come Celebrate Your Birthday with United Women in Faith!

The next unit meeting of United Women in Faith (UWF) will be this Wednesday, April 19, 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall. We will be celebrating our birthdays with special treats!



United
Women
in Faith

Our speaker will be Jennifer Kiernan. Ms. Kiernan is *Saving Amy's* Founder and Executive Director and has been with *Saving Amy* since the day it was born. She has a heart for helping others.

Saving Amy was founded with a **mission** to empower individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness by transforming lives through mentoring, teaching life skills, educational advancement, and financial stability through employment.

Following Ms. Kiernan's presentation, we will be assembling hygiene kits for our own SLUMC Mission Committee!

All women are welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of UWF. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th.



Sign up by Thursday, April 20 to reserve your ticket to the Hale Theater production of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown". The performance date is Friday, May 5 at 4:00 pm.

The spirited tale of a legendary, real-life American who blooms from a backwoods twig to world-renowned socialite and philanthropist. Molly Brown's undaunted determination to survive the sinking of the Titanic earned her this famous title! This brilliant Broadway classic has charmed audiences with its irresistible story and rousing score!

Tickets are (\$35) and must be paid by Thursday, April 20, are first come first served, and are non-refundable.

Ride-sharing is encouraged.

CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR MARVIN



Do you have burning questions about the Bible? About world issues? About local topics?

Join Pastor Marvin beginning this Thursday, April 20 at 10:00 am in Room 1 for a lively, 6-week discussion on any number of topics and see what questions others might have and their views on the topic.

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.

Sweet Life Cafe will begin this Thursday, April 20, from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm in Room 4.



The study will be the *History and Archaeology of the Bible*, over a 6-week period we will cover the world as it was in the book of Genesis and Exodus.

This video study is presented by lecturer Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt a National Geographic Historian.

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MISSION TEAM NEWS



The Missions Team which sends funds to *Hope Women's Center* in Casa Grand plans to collect shoes and sneakers for kids going back to school this August.

Remember how exciting it was for new clothes and shoes when we got ready to go back to school?

We want to make it exciting for the *Hope Women's Center* kids to get new shoes! The shoes can be brought to the church anytime and left in the red wagon or Mission tubs.

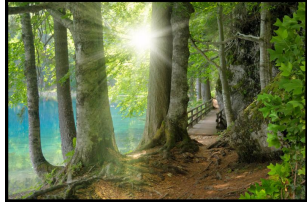
Sounds great?! Thanks for your help!

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED BY:

- Carlene Baldosser in Honor of Thomas Baldosser's Birthday.
- Chet & Mary Jo Howe in Celebration of their 72nd Anniversary.
- Jay & Carol McIntyre in Honor of Jay McIntyre's Birthday.



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Cheryl Gerblick, family, and friends on the death of her husband, Dann Gerblick, Wednesday, April 12. Memorial information is pending.

...to Clare Soden, family, and friends on the death of her mother, Margaret Soden, Friday, April 7. Memorial service information is pending.

...to the Wagner family and friends on the death of Ethel Wagner, Sunday, March 12. A committal service will be held on Friday, April 21 at 11:30 am at Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery, 10940 E Chandler Heights.

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