



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

We all know a person for whom it is all about them. There is no genuine concern for others. Others are simply to be used and discarded when no longer needed. But Lent comes along and invites us to examine the love quotient of our relationship with God and others. I have a saying on my desk by an unknown author which continues to haunt, challenge and inspire me. It simply says:



The goal of the spiritual life is to live an ordinary life with extra-ordinary love.

We all know persons whom that statement describes. Join me in thanking God for those persons who model and live out **extra-ordinary love** in their lives each day. As you continue your Lenten journey this year, remember that God allows as many U-turns as needed to live with **extra-ordinary love**.

Sunday morning is Palm Sunday when we gather to remember the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. But then comes Holy Week with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday when we ponder the mystery of **God's extra-ordinary love revealed in Jesus Christ.** Let's take the time we need to explore, reflect, ponder, and discover anew the depth of God's unconditional love for us revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Marvin



Order a lily/spring flower to honor or remember a loved one and help beautify the Sanctuary for Easter! The donation amount is \$15 each. Please fill out this form and return to the Office with payment by **Monday, April 3.** The list of honorees and/or memorials will be printed and be available on Easter Saturday and Sunday, April 8 & 9 and also published in the Kairos after Easter.

Number of Flowers: _____ **Total Donation Amount** _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Phone Number: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Flowers may be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday.
Flower choice will be on a first-come basis.

Join us for Holy Week!

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Palm Sunday · April 2 · 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday · April 6 · 6:30 pm
at Chandler UMC 450 E Chandler Heights

Good Friday · April 7 · 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday · April 9 · 9:00 am

UNISON PRAYER

Lord Jesus, during Lent we follow you toward the cross and your death. This frightens us. We forget the cost of discipleship is so high. We thought it might be possible to be your disciple without this much risk. Death frightens us. Life seems caught in its grip. We feel so powerless in the threat of death. You are the Lord of life. You moved toward death to defeat it and to release its grip on our lives. Give us confidence in your power to bring life out of death. Help us see your continuing battle with all that would enslave, capture and keep us from becoming all you would have us be. Lord of life and conqueror of death, we pray in the conviction that you are our best hope in life, in death, and in life beyond death. 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.

FAURE REQUIEM

Join us Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a Palm Sunday concert, *Faure's Requiem*.

The choir is made up of volunteer singers from various church choirs in the Sun Lakes area and members of the Sun Lakes Chorale, directed by our very own Cris Evans.

The concert will include a selection of one or two other numbers prior to the presentation of the Requiem.

Do not miss this exciting event!



THE GAZEBO



MAR 21 - MAY 23, 2023

Sign up by Thursday, April 10 to reserve your ticket to the Hale Theater production of "The Gazebo". The performance date is Monday, April 24 at 4:00 pm.

This comedy/thriller has kept audiences guessing since it opened! A writer of TV whodunnits with an eye for inventing the perfect crime finds himself trying to pull off the perfect crime to protect his wife who is being blackmailed. Filled with intrigue, mystery, and sheer hilarity—you'll love the clever twists and turns of this unique whodunnit! Debbie Reynolds and Glen Ford starred in this hit movie.

Tickets are (\$35) and must be paid by Monday, April 10, are first come

first served, and are non-refundable.

Ride-sharing is encouraged.



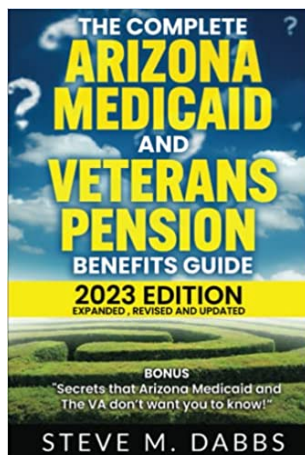
It is time to dust off your dancing shoes!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 11, in Lindsay Hall to enjoy the sweet sounds of *The Swinging Memories Band*, a Glen Miller-style, 16-member Big Band!

The Swinging Memories Band is comprised of talented musicians who love to play great music and enjoy playing for audiences. They performed during last year's ice cream social. Dance or just relax and enjoy the music.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm with the music starting at 5:30 pm. If you are going to join us for dinner, be sure to sign up in Lindsay Hall or call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766 so we have enough food for everyone!

STEPHEN MINISTER RETREAT - PUBLIC WELCOME!



Do not miss the Stephen Minister Retreat, a Sun Lakes Community event on Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 am in Lindsay Hall!

In this 2-hour session, Steve Dabbs, a certified Medicare specialist and accredited claims agent by the Department of Veteran's Affairs will present a book he has written with the newest 2023 benefits available to individuals and offers real-world examples that are easy to understand. This book includes all the newest updates and will be provided to all attendees.

A One Medical Seniors Care outreach specialist will present a description of their services, information on their dedicated office in Sun Lakes for those who are on Medicare, and the use of a multi-faceted team

specializing in the unique challenges of senior care using primary care physicians, health coaches, and other healthcare professionals.

Sheryl Keeme, Executive Director of Neighbors Who Care will share how we as a community in Sun Lakes can best work together to provide care to ourselves, our friends, neighbors, and families. How we can combine all the talents and services in the Sun Lakes community to provide the desired outcome for everyone!

Please R.S.V.P. to the Church Office at (480) 895-8766 so there will be enough materials for everyone.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Barb Carruthers, family, and friends on the death of her husband, Rod Carruthers, Saturday, March 25. 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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