



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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We Are A Thriving United Methodist Church

Friends,

Hard to believe that we are approaching the 3rd Sunday of Lent 2023. The calendar seems to be racing to Easter this year.

I am appreciating our Lenten Study on the Book of Luke which emphasizes the attention of Jesus to the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws of his time. Of course, this translates to our times as we continue to question who is in and who is out, etc.



While appreciating the study, I am pushed to name the realities of my judgmental attitudes and criticisms of others whose life experiences are different than mine. Taking Jesus seriously is not always easy and affirming, is it? Sometimes it feels more like being called up short with an invitation to confess and shape up. So, I continue to learn and discover that my ongoing relationship with Jesus means a deeper taproot into his teaching and ministry which calls me to do some shedding and embracing

at the same time. Lent is a time to more intentionally follow Jesus. Please keep me in your prayers.

May your Lent be a time of spiritual growth and reflection as together we walk with Jesus each day.

Please note the various opportunities offered in this Kairos for the next few weeks. Invite your neighbors and friends to join you in these opportunities and encourage them to attend our worship services.

Note: we have arranged for the Red Mountain Brass to join us for the Easter Sunday morning worship celebration.

Note: persons interested in being part of a Landscape team to update our church grounds are invited to volunteer. With the growing concern regarding water, this is an opportune time for us to review and determine how we might best move forward in this important matter. Interested?? Please submit your name to the Church Office.

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** _____

Given by: _____

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.

UNISON PRAYER

Lord God, you have given us many gifts. Grant us the gift of sight. We are often blinded by the big, important and powerful in life. We fail to notice and appreciate little



things, the little people, whose treasures the world regards as of little account. Help us see those things which challenge our view of the world, those experiences that don't fit our tidy definitions of what ought to be. Forgive us for pigeonholing and stereotyping others. Push us beyond our safe boundaries to see others as you see your children. Continue to work the mystery of your unconditional love in our lives and relationships. Amen.

NEED A COPY OF THE CHURCH SURVEY? CLICK HERE!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Join us on Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 am as we welcome new members to our congregation!



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.



Ever wonder about the kind of birds in your neighborhood?

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 14, in Lindsay Hall to meet Theona Vyvial the current president of Desert Rivers Audubon. Most of her birding has been in the Desert Southwest for several years. She will present information about Veteran's Oasis, The Gilbert Riparian Preserve, and local riparian parks where you can see and learn about the birds that come and live in Arizona.

R.S.V.P. to the Church Office or sign up in Lindsay Hall. A light dinner will be served at 5:00 pm for a free-will offering with the program starting at 5:30 pm.



United Women in Faith

Arizona Interfaith Power and Light
March 15 at 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall
"We are all stewards of God's Creation."

One of the national advocacy campaigns for United Women in Faith (UWF) is climate justice with a focus on "Just Energy for All". Melanie Beikman, Director of Arizona Interfaith Power & Light (AZIPL), will be our guest speaker and will talk with the group about what energy justice means in Arizona. She'll discuss the many ways congregations can get involved in working for climate justice and caring for our common home. Following the presentation, Ms. Beikman will have a question-and-answer session.

All are welcome to attend! We look forward to seeing you there!

CHORALE SPRING CONCERT



Hop into spring by attending the Sun Lakes Chorale Spring Concert on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Enjoy a variety of music covering a wide variety of musical styles. Many of the numbers will be easily recognized by the audience and some will be brand new!

Tickets are available in the Church Office (\$10) or from a Choral member.

GUARD AGAINST FRAUD!

Do not miss this event!

Join Jennifer Pitt, Voice Against Fraud, LLC who will present information and tips on how to prevent you from becoming a victim of fraud on Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Unfortunately, an estimated 7.68 million cases of elder fraud occur every year in the United States, equating to

approximately \$148 billion dollars in loss each year (according to www.comparitech.com, a website that compares crime, service, and medical data). This figure may be low, as many states do not include the term "elder" in criminal law, and these cases are not always reported.



Join us for this extremely important event.

BLOOD DRIVE



Mark your calendar for the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Lindsay Hall hosted by The Sun Lakes (evening) Lions Club and your Church.

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Please join us in providing this life saving gift to those in need.

VETERANS CIRCLE OF HONOR NEWS

I am saddened to report that Jack Holder, a decorated and celebrated Navy flyer and a survivor of Pearl Harbor and Midway, passed away here in Phoenix on February 24th - he was 101 years old. Colonel Jeff Cook (on our Vets Circle Board) had the honor of interviewing and recording Jack in 2015; a copy is on file in the Library of Congress. The funeral will be held sometime in April, but final arrangements are still in the planning stages. A wreath will be placed in the Veterans Circle of Honor on the day of the interment. Godspeed and rest in peace.



Howard Strouse
Chair, Veterans Circle of Honor

THANK YOU!



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Dear Friends,

The DOVES® residents and the Area Agency on Aging thank you for your very generous donation of \$1500.

Your assistance is so meaningful. We truly appreciate your kindness, thoughtful consideration, and ongoing support of the DOVES® program as we strive to make a difference in the lives of older adult victims of domestic violence. With your help and continued investment in our mission, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn Kasunic
President & CEO

LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to J.L. Scott, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Harriet Scott, who died on Thursday, February 2. A memorial reception will be held in Lindsay Hall on Monday, March 27 at 2:00 pm.

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