



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

Yesterday the Administrative Council met for a follow-up discussion of the Survey Response Summary. The team had worked hard to summarize some 400 responses to the original 24 pages of individual responses.



There are many things to celebrate and affirm regarding our church and its ministry. Among them:

- our worship services with great music and emphasis on growing in our faith both in person and live-streaming.
- our sense of community and caring for one another.
- the outreach of our church through a variety of mission ministries and support of ministries making a difference here and around the world.
- various opportunities for learning through studies and classes provided.
- partnering to provide space for outside groups to provide ministry opportunities.

There is a strong desire to increase our membership and continue to be a faithful growing congregation in this community.

Some are concerned about churches leaving the denomination to join other

denominations or become independent churches.

They would like more information and wonder what it means for our church. (Plans are being made to hold some sessions this fall for information as things continue to evolve prior to the next General Conference in May 2024.)

Please visit with me regarding your questions and concerns.

I plan to continue as the pastor of a strong vibrant United Methodist Church in Sun Lakes. **Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.** Our vision is to be a **beacon of hope with unconditional love and acceptance.** I see us continuing to

- engage in meaningful, life-changing worship services,
- encourage persons in their spiritual growth with God and others,
- be involved in making a difference in this community and world through our mission programs.

The Council accepted the Summary Response and will continue to respond and address matters shared in the report.

Contact the church office for a copy of the Survey Response Summary.

Thank you for your continued support of our church, its ministries, and each other.

Marvin

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## UNISON PRAYER



Gracious and loving God, you have given us an inheritance of eternal life. We are grateful! In the midst of our fears regarding many things, have mercy upon us. Grant us strength to overcome them with the courage to bear suffering without being defeated. We are your children and marvel you include us in your family. Make us bold in genuine care for each other.

Enhance our listening skills. Broaden our understanding and save us from harsh judgement of ourselves and each other. As we have been forgiven, help us to be forgiving of each other and ourselves. Renew our genuine affection for others who are on the ways with us. Amen.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Join us Sunday, July 30 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.



Presented by Elaine Poker-Yount  
Co-Chair Dementia Friendly Sun Lakes

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY  
**SUN LAKES** 

**“My Loved one has Dementia  
So Now What?”**

**Thursday, July 20**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM – Room 1**

**RSVP to Elaine at (480)203-8548**

Elaine will share 20 **FACTS** about dementia that nobody typically tells you. These tools will both help guide you in your journey as a care partner, as well as present options for more successful daily interactions.

## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

United Women in Faith (UWF) will host a “packing party” Wednesday, August 16, at 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall to assemble personal hygiene kits for *Women4Women*.



United  
Women  
in Faith

*Women4Women* is an organization that provides feminine hygiene care kits to our community of high school girls, needy, and homeless ladies. They also distribute to *Hope Women’s Centers*.

All are welcome to participate. We look forward to seeing you there.

Also, UWF will be starting a new circle, *Caring Hearts*. The first meeting will be on September 12 at 10:00 am in Room 3 of the Education Building. We will send cards to our members who are homebound and unable to attend worship or other meetings and activities. In addition, we will be recognizing our veterans at various times during the year. If you already belong to a UWF circle, no worries...you can belong to more than one. And, you do not need to be a member of UWF to participate.

If you have any blank note cards you wish to donate to the *Caring Hearts* circle, there is a basket in Lindsay Hall where you can drop them.

Your generosity is appreciated!

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## MISSION News

*Hope Women's Center* in Coolidge sends a HUGE thank you to Sun Lakes UMC!

In the collection of children's back-to-school shoes, we sent over 100 pairs of shoes to Coolidge! Along with toilet paper, detergent pods, shampoo, conditioner, and clothing.

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## SUN BELLS TRAVEL!



Our Sun Bells Handbell Choir was asked to play at the PEO State Convention, Wild Horse Pass Convention Center, on May 13, 2023!

And here they are!

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## ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JULY 16:

- Ray Elms in honor of Janet Hold's birthday, July 20.
- David and Kathleen Holling in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.



- Rick Vier in memory of George Reed's birthday.

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## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



Thank you Sun Lakes UMC!

Along with SLUMC and other Arizona residents *Feed My Starving Children* has:

- Packed 359 million meals
- Fed 983,178 children for 1 year
- 1.4 million volunteers have served

Some interesting stats:

The top 5 countries *Feed My Starving Children* has served.

- Haiti with 16,681,176 meals
- Honduras with 10,115,820 meals
- Mozambique with 9,989,280 meals
- Guatemala with 9,733,320 meals
- Philippines with 9,078,300 meals

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## 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 August 2023 list is as follows:

- Dayspring UMC, Tempe
- Desert Mission UMC, Scottsdale
- First UMC, Mesa
- Song of Life UMC, Queen Creek

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Lee Widener, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Nancy Widener, on Sunday, July 2. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 20 at 10:00 am in the Chapel with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.

...to the family and friends of Joan Reinke who died on Saturday, June 17. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 25 at 10:00 am in the Chapel.

...to Leann Lindsey, family, and friends on the death of her husband Dean Lindsey, Friday, May 26. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 12, at 10:00 am at Scottsdale UMC, 4140 N Miller Rd, Scottsdale.

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