



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

Back in February, you received a letter requesting your response to a Questionnaire. A team has been working on the 24-page document containing the verbatim responses to each question. The team has developed a summary response to each question using a thematic approach. There are 35 Profound and Noteworthy responses along with an overall conclusion.



This information has been sent to the Administrative Council for their reflection and response prior to their next Council meeting which will be July 17 at 1:00 pm in the Education building. I look forward to the unfolding of this process as we see to be faithful disciples as **our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**. Our vision which flows out of that mission is **to be a beacon of hope with unconditional love and acceptance**.

Anyone interested can attend and participate. Request a copy of the team report as a hard copy or via email by contacting the church office.

Your prayers, input, and suggestions are needed and will be appreciated as we move forward.

These past 8 years have been some of the most meaningful years of my life and ministry. I was asked to come as an interim pastor for two years never dreaming I would be starting my 9th year of ministry with you. It is interesting for me to note that my first appointment as a beginning student pastor while I was in college was a two-year appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to join you in all the ways God has blessed our time together.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Almighty God from whom all good things come. We gather in worship to thank you for all the ways you have blessed our nation from its founding until this very day. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation. Purify our hearts to see and love the truth. Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders to do the right things for our country rather than the politically expedient things. Help us avoid falling victim to our fears. Guide us to build a better community, state and nation where peace and justice shall pervade the land and the hearts of its people. Help us find those ways to build on the good will of people rather than demonizing those with whom we disagree. Guide us God, in our lives and relationships so we might see our hopes and dreams for a better life for all your children come to completion. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP

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.



TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER



Join your fellow parishioners and community for a TNT Bingo on Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 pm.

You will have the opportunity to play with more than one card with the new bingo cards that do not require the use of ink stamps! There will be more than one opportunity to play, but the gaming will end at 6:30 pm. There will be prizes for all the winners.

The evening promises to be entertaining!

Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Be sure to RSVP at (480) 895-8766 or sign up in Lindsay Hall so we have enough food for everyone!

MY LOVED ONE HAS DEMENTIA...



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

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

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.

HALE THEATER



Sign up by Thursday, July 27 to reserve your ticket to the Hale Theater production of *"Beauty and the Beast"*. The performance date is Friday,

August 11 at 4:00 pm.

"Be Our Guest" and join us for a captivating and amazing production of Disney's magical and rousing Beauty and the Beast! Be enchanted as Belle, Gaston, the Beast, and their friends sing Menken, Ashman, and Rice's time-honored score. Stunning costumes, staging, and special effects will delight young and old from start to finish in this rousing story!"

Tickets are (\$35) and must be paid by Thursday, July 27, are first come first served, and are non-refundable.

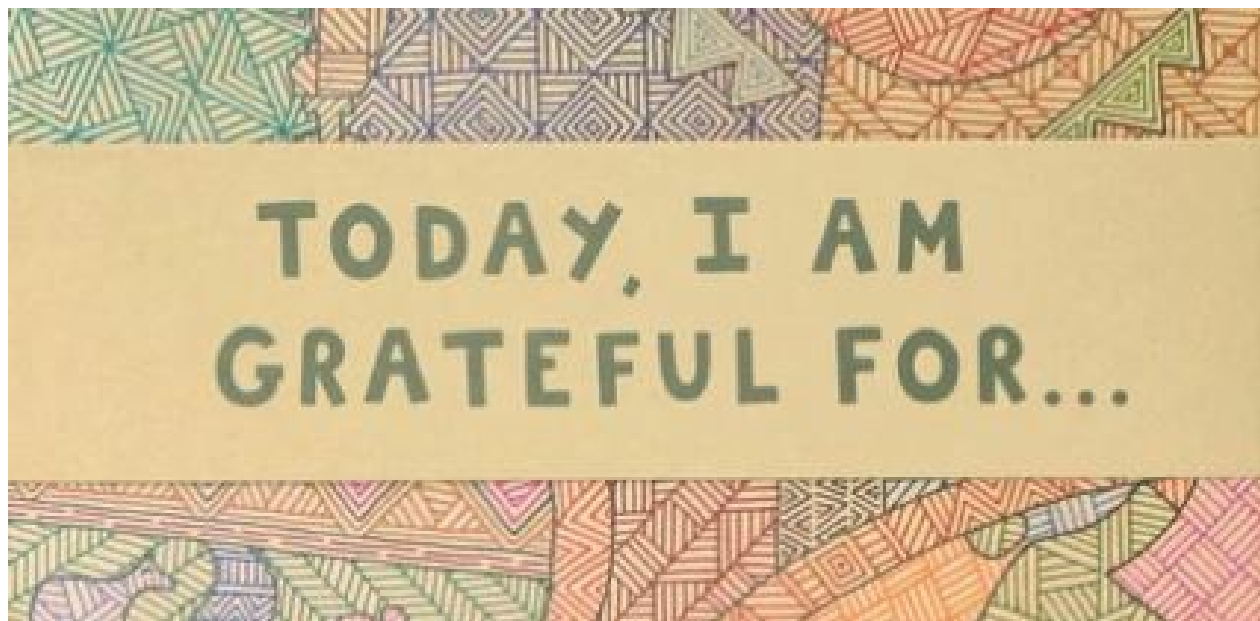
Ride-sharing is encouraged.

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JUNE 25 BY:

- In honor and in memory of Dale Arthur and Margaret Anne Soden by their children.



GRATEFULNESS



Responses in our church's Grateful Journals have slowed down as summer approaches and some of our people have left for cooler climes. Here are some recent ones:

- The beautiful sky, and the "hope in our hearts" which is refreshed by the season of Easter.
- The church staff (and volunteers) who take such great care of this House of God. I can see their loving and caring hearts everywhere.

- This Sunday school class and the lovely, caring people who attend faithfully.
- The Krafters! What a gift and a blessing to this church and the Sun Lakes community!
- With my back issues, I am not able to do exercises properly. Yet, Ila accepts me into her class. She shows her kindness to everyone, including short-term visitors like me. I am grateful to her and all the friendly people here.
- Making this room available for Memory Care for the past 11 years.
- My good health and good eyesight so I can enjoy the many books in the church library. Thank you, Lord!
- The collection of crosses in this room. They make me think of all the different people who made these, at different times and different locations. But these crosses were made in one faith of Jesus Christ.
- The warmer weather. It is no longer so depressing even on rainy days like today.
- For this church and the community of Christians. I now mourn the loss of both my parents. But because of my faith, I can celebrate their life.

VASE, VASE, EVERYWHERE A VASE

Help Us Recycle! If you recently ordered flowers for a Sunday worship service and took them home, consider recycling the vase. After the flowers have faded away, bring your vase back to the Church Office, and we will use it again and again. Thank you!



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Wilma Mirich who died on Tuesday, May 2. A celebration of life will be held at Friendship Village on Saturday, July 8 at 1:00 pm.

...to the family and friends of Nancy Lindsay who died on Tuesday, June 27. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 18 at 10:00 am at Paradise Valley

UMC, 4455 E Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona.

...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.

...to Jack Loy, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Diane Loy, Saturday, May 27. Memorial service information is pending.

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