



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

I attended my first Annual Conference as a part-time lay pastor in 1964 when I was appointed to serve the Guthrie, Texas United Methodist Church.



This past weekend I attended the Desert Southwest Conference in Mesa. It was a time of renewing acquaintances, making new ones, and participating in worship and business sessions. Resolutions are discussed, argued, and voted upon. Reports are given and information is shared. There is a great deal of talking.

Interspersed during the 3 days appointments of pastors to churches are made. I was delighted to hear the District Superintendent read Sun Lakes and the Bishop responded, Marvin D. Arnpriester. Thus begins my 9th year of ministry with you and I am looking forward to it being a great time for us to be in ministry together. Planning and leading worship, along with leading small group studies are highlights for me. Most of all I love relating to people with interest and care as we journey together. Our time together is an adventure of trusting God to lead us and finding our way to live as God's faithful people in this time and place.

I invite you to continue holding me, each other and our church is your daily

prayers. We will experience much as we journey on together.

Marvin

PS: A special request. Please remember that some folks are uncomfortable holding hands as we sing our final prayer hymn each week. Feel free to offer your hand but kindly accept that a person seated next to you may not be able to hold yours in response and it has nothing to do with you.

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## UNISON PRAYER



Almighty God, you give us light each morning with the rising of the sun and in the presence of Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see more clearly. Brighten the pathways of our lives that we might focus on that which is important and eternal. Pour out the water of your spirit to quench the flames of strife and tension that rages in our world today. Heal our brokenness. Strengthen our backbone to confront our fears and weakness. Forgive our sins. Shape us more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Help us to daily perform an intentional act of peace. Amen.

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## MEMBERSHIP

A reception of new members was held on Sunday, June 11 in the worship service.

Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the family!

- Karen Wassum
- Jeff Roberts
- Susanne Roberts



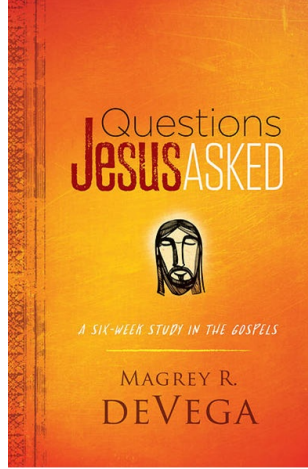
If you are interested in joining Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, please stop and visit Pastor Marvin or call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.

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## QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED BEGINS JUNE 21

Join Pastor Marvin beginning tomorrow, June 21 at 10:00 am in Room 4 as he facilitates a 6-week study on the book *"Questions Jesus Asked"* by Magrey R. DeVega.

Jesus was fond of asking questions, many of which cut right to the heart of what it means to be human. Why are you terrified? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am?



Asking these questions takes courage. Not only do they reveal what Jesus really cares about, but they also open a window into our hearts. We all have questions for God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. When we dare to raise them, these questions bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives. Are you willing to step out in faith? Are you ready to answer the questions Jesus asked?

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

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## **JULY 2 CELEBRATION!**

Mark your calendars!

Invite your friends and family to a free concert performed by the Red Mountain Brass on Sunday, July 2, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary!



Enjoy patriotic music as we celebrate America!

Reservations are not necessary. A free-will offering will be taken.

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## **TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER**



Join your fellow parishioners and community for a TNT Bingo on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 pm.

You will have the opportunity to play with more than one card with new 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 R.S.V.P at (480) 895-8766 so

we have enough food for everyone!

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## MISSION U 2023

# Mission u 2023



**LIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

**Reflecting God's Love**

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (*basileia*) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's *basileia* and why do we call it the kin-dom?

For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching, and ministry.

Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

Join us dates/times:

In-person Mission u at the Prescott UMC on July 21 & 22, 2023 (Adult Study).

Registration link: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-in-person-registration/>

Virtual Mission u (Adult Study) on June 23, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, and June 24, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm with a 30-minute break at 11:30 am.

Registration link: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-u-virtual-adults/>

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## ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JUNE 11 BY:

- Pat Morales and family in memory of her husband Harry.

- Sue Rowlands in memory of James (Reb) Rowlands' birthday.



## ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JUNE 18 BY:

- Rick Vier in memory of George Reid.
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## 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!

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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 July 2023 list is as follows:

- AZ Korean Fellowship, Mesa
  - Chandler UMC
  - Cross in the Desert UMC, Phoenix
  - Desert Chapel UMC, Apache Junction
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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of Joan Reinke died on Saturday, June 17. Memorial service information is pending.

...to the family and friends of Colleen Townsend who died on Tuesday, June 13. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 11:30 am in the Chapel.

...to the family and friends of David Veit who died on



Saturday, June 10. An inurnment service will be held on the East Coast.

...to the family and friends of Wilma Mirich who died on Tuesday, May 2. An inurnment service will be held in The Gardens on Sunday, June 25 at 10:15 am with a celebration of life to be held at Friendship Village on Saturday, July 8 at 1:00 pm.

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

Memorial information is pending.

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