



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Make A Donation



Friends,

Back in February, you received a letter requesting your response to a Questionnaire. Some 80 responses have been received to date. We now have a 24-page document containing the verbatim responses to each question. They are available via email or by clicking [HERE](#). Let the office know if you would like a paper copy.



The Administrative Council will meet on May 15 at 1:30 pm for review and conversation regarding the responses and appropriate follow-up. I envision some open meetings for conversations, input, and guidance as we move forward. Your input and suggestions are needed and will be appreciated.

Thank you for your help and prayerful support as we move forward.

NOTE: Sunday, May 5 we will participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

It will be offered in two ways.

One way is by using the cups given to each person with a wafer and juice. The other is by intinction. A person comes forward to a station where they are given a piece of bread to dip in the cup.

As you come to worship Sunday the usher will offer the individual cup to you as we have in the past. Take it if you wish. If you plan to come for intinction don't take the cup.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt to change.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Eternal and powerful God, by raising Jesus Christ from the gloom of fear and the tomb of death, you brought light and life to this world. We now know there is no place so despairing, no wound so deep, no life so broken, that your mercy and power cannot bring hope and healing. Save us from becoming complacent in our faith or taking your love and forgiveness for granted. May we find ways to engage the world with confident assurance, hope and care, so the power and chains of despair and darkness may be broken to never again enslave anyone. Strengthen our faith in the risen Christ, so we might find a deeper love beyond race and place, ways to talk things out rather than fighting as we risk for peace rather than continuing to make war. Hear our prayer, God of justice and peace. We pray this in the name of the one who loved so fully he was willing to die on a cross, trusting you completely. Amen.

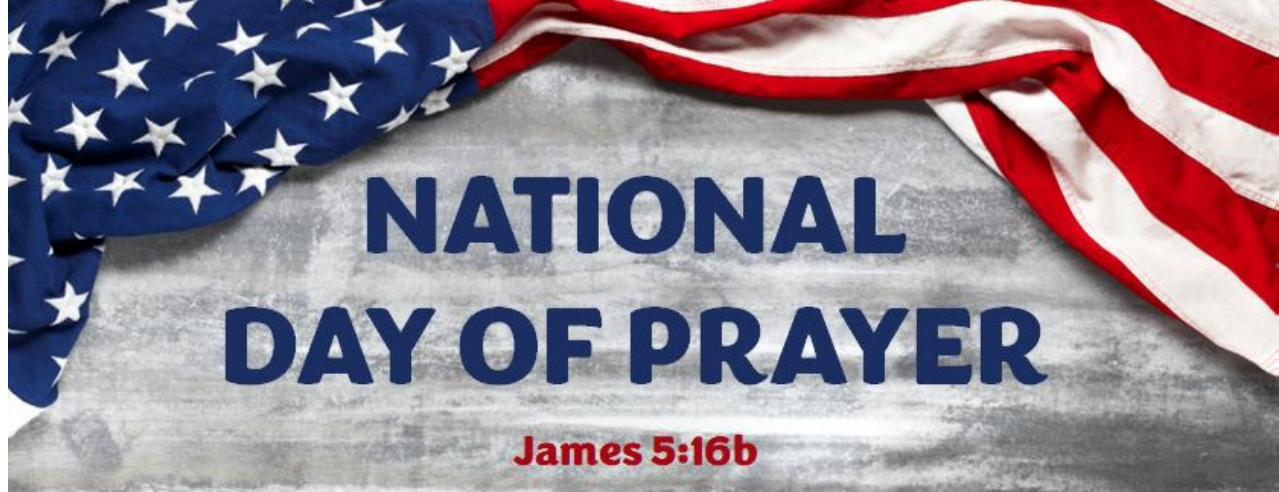
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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.

There will be a new member reception Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.



THURSDAY, MAY 4



VETERANS CIRCLE OF HONOR



May is a busy month for the Veterans Circle of Honor Memorial.

Our flags will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset on Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7 for National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.

The flags will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset on Monday, May 15 for Peace Officers Memorial Day which pays tribute to local, state, or federal police officers who have fallen or been disabled in the line of duty.

The flags will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset from Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day Weekend, honoring Military personnel who have died serving the United States.

Howard Strouse
Veterans Circle of Honor

UWF NEWS

United Women in Faith will be assembling personal hygiene kits with *Women4Women* on Wednesday, May 17, at 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall.



United
Women
in Faith

This will not be a formal meeting as we are adjourned for the summer months.

All are welcome to attend to help with this worthwhile project.

PASTOR JUDY NEWS



"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."

-Albert Schweitzer

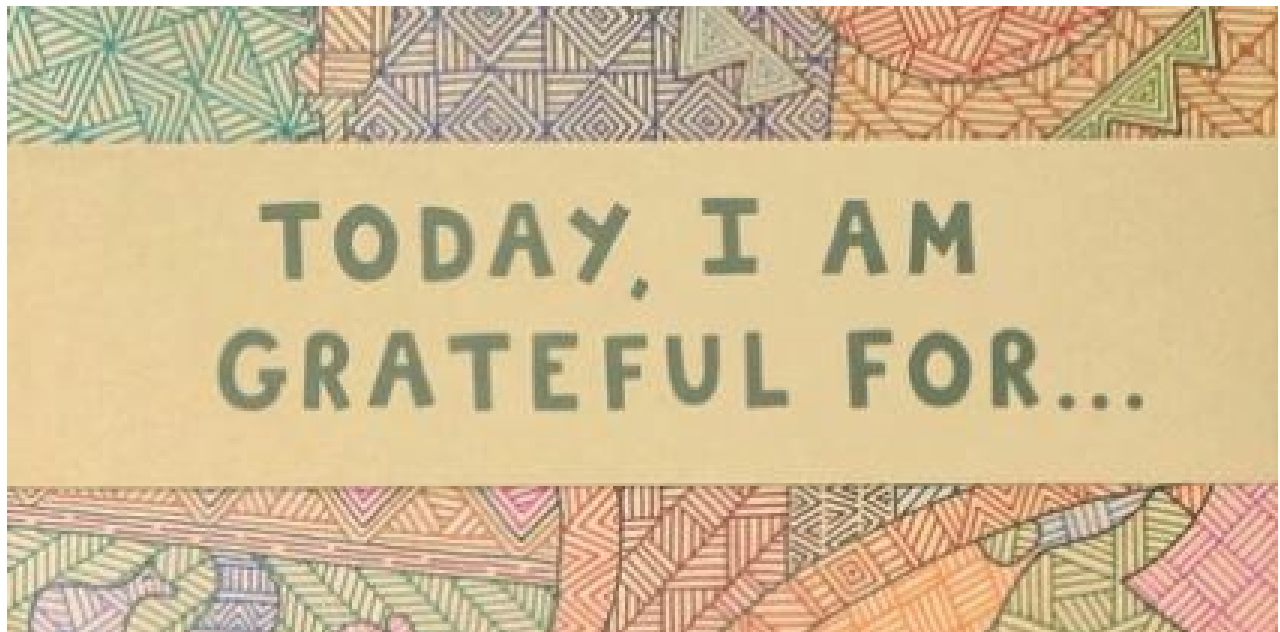
Two years ago I came to SLUMC, looking for a house of worship. I found a Church that sings and plays together, serves in outreach together, seeks new learning for meaningful discipleship, and has countless networks of community-building, nurture, and care. Since my retirement in the summer of 2018, I had not settled in a church home—until I walked through your doors. After that first Sunday, I wore out all the space and margins of a note to Pastor Marvin, enumerating each element of the significant ministry you share under his leadership.

You rekindled my light.

Mike and I return to Ohio this month to be closer to family and will miss you greatly until we return in September.

My deep thanks to you and to your pastor for so graciously welcoming me to serve alongside you.

Judy Wismar Claycomb



Responses in our church's Grateful Journals continue to pour in. Here are some of them:

- Music by the Red Mountain Brass, Pastor Judy's cute, uplifting

humor, Pastor Marvin's inspirational guidance, and the beautiful day and sky.

- Tuesday Nights Together!
- Toilet paper, ice, and snow! (Winter visitor missing home?)
- My church's music program. Sometimes special programs, but the vocal and bell choirs are so good!
- The air in my lungs, the love in my heart, the pain, and being alive!
- This church for supporting dementia groups. Thank you.
- The beautiful ladies in United Women of Faith. They are supportive, loving, and touch my heart in so many ways.
- Memories of my mom and dad. For this wonderful church, Rev. Marvin, and meeting Rev. Judy. Thank you, God and Lord Jesus!
- The care and protection God had for my husband and brother. It could have been so much worse! I'm grateful for the prayers of so many for both of them and their fast healing. I'm thankful for the many who "stood by me" during this anxious time.
- *And, from the San Tan Lions Club...* Those who do service for their community.

YOUR LIBRARY

As we move into warmer weather, your library is a nice cool space where you can pick up a good book, jigsaw puzzle, Suduko, or an adult coloring book.



Books on display are:

- *How to Get the Most From God's Word: An Everyday Guide to Enrich Your Study of the Bible* by John MacArthur, Jr.
- *Unshakeable Trust: Find the Joy of Trusting God at All Times, in All Things* by Joyce Meyer
- *Living in the Lions' Den: How to Cope with Life's Stresses* by Paul L. Morell
- *The Simple Life: the Christian Stance Toward Possessions* by Vernard Eller
- *The Lift-Your-Spirits Quote Book* by Allen Kline

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to Clare Soden, family, and friends on the death of her mother, Margaret Soden, Friday, April 7. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 pm in the Chapel.

...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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