



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

It's not often that I am caught speechless, but I was on my birthday. Carolyn and my sisters arranged to surprise me as my brother and 5 of my 6 sisters gathered in celebration of my 80th birthday. Stunned is an appropriate word to describe my feelings as they appeared one by one.

I thought we were having brunch with my sister and brother who live here. But when each one stepped out to greet me, I lost it. It was a most special weekend of sharing, remembering, and enjoying time together. I appreciated them coming to church together on Sunday.

It all began on our Christmas in July Sunday with the neat reception in Lindsay Hall after worship. Thank you so much for your love, hugs, words, and cards! I am still pinching myself.

I am delighted to celebrate with you that our average attendance in worship is in the mid-200s and our average Live stream contacts are 110 to 125 each week. Thank you for your continued support of our church and its ministries. Discussions are taking place regarding plans for this fall.

As we continue to find our way forward in the times we are living through I invite your continued prayers for our church and its ministries.

I am grateful to work with a caring and supportive staff. Please remember them in your prayers and of course, words of appreciation and encouragement are most welcome.

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. We keep trying to figure you out so we will get it right this time. We expend a great deal of energy trying to prepare ourselves for life's uncertainty because we are afraid of being out of control. We want to be prepared for any contingency. We work hard at doing those things we believe you and others expect of us. We confess our busyness creates a barrier between us and you. So we are grateful that no matter where we are, you continue to search for us. Search us completely once again and know us fully in your grace and love. Amen.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!



A reception of new members was held on Sunday, July 30 in the worship service.

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

- Grant Perry
 - Cleo Perry
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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.



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH



United
Women
in 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*.

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!

BLOOD DRIVE - AUGUST 24

Mark your calendar for the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Thursday, August 24 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Lindsay Hall hosted by The Sun Lakes (evening) Lions Club and SLUMC!



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.

HALE THEATER!



Do not miss the Hale Theater production of " *Something's Afoot*" on Saturday, September 16 at 4:00 pm.

A zany murder-mystery musical farce takes a satirical poke at the works of Agatha Christie. Ten people are stranded in an isolated house during a raging thunderstorm. One by one they're picked off by cleverly fiendish devices. As the bodies pile up in the library, the survivors frantically race to uncover the identity and motivation of the cunning culprit!

We are doing things a bit differently to reserve your tickets. You will sign up and pay (\$38) for your ticket in the Church office by Thursday, August 31. Tickets are first come first served, and non-refundable.

Ride-sharing is encouraged!

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION MEETINGS HERE!



More than 11 million family and friends care for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementia. In Arizona, over 257,000 caregivers spend more unpaid hours per week caring for their loved ones than in any state in the nation. Caregivers are superheroes, but even superheroes can't do it alone. The Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter is here to help! Call our free, 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900, find information on your local chapter website at alz.org/dsw, and check out online caregiving resources at alz.org/care

The Association also offers support groups for caregivers and/or individuals with dementia in the early stage. The Sun Lakes United Methodist Church hosts a Caregiver support group every Thursday, from 9:00 -10:30 am in Room 4.

If you are interested in learning more about community and family education and outreach webinars from home that provide dementia education for those directly affected by the disease, families, and friends, check out our monthly listing at

https://www.alz.org/dsw/helping_you/education_programs

SURPRISE!

Pastor Marvin may not look surprised in this photo but he was completely surprised by the celebration at coffee hour for his 80th birthday (notice the 80 years old balloon in the background.)

There was some mention that Peg Humphreys was in trouble!

We all know 80 is the new 60! Right Pastor?

Happy Birthday Pastor Marvin!



THANK YOU!

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"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends in Mission,

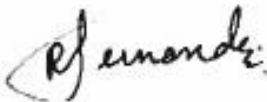
Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!*

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,



Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

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Nordic and Baltic In Mission Together - Ukraine and Moldova	\$7,230.00
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- The SLUMC Congregation in Celebration of Rev. Marvin Arnpriester's Birthday.
- Ken Schimpf in Celebration of Judy Schimpf's

Birthday.

- Lee Widener in Memory of Nancy Widener.



ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JULY 30 FROM:

- Jay and Carol McIntyre in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to Art Darby, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Sue Darby, Thursday, July 20. Memorial service information is pending.

...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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