



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

In his book, *"The Magnificent Defeat"*, Frederick Buechner writes this insightful statement on Love. I believe it appropriate to ponder this Advent.

The **love for equals** is a human thing--of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The World smiles.

The **love for the less fortunate** is a beautiful thing—the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The **love for the more fortunate** is a rare thing—to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich, of the black man for the white man. The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love **for the enemy—love** for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens, and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer.



This is God's love. It conquers the world.

May God's love conquer our hearts, lives, and our attitudes!!!

Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Eternal God, through the prophets you spoke of a Messiah who would come to free your people from sin and bondage. Prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah to our lives. Forgive us for leaving so little room for wonder in our lives. We confess our obsession with control and explanations. Surprises throw us off balance and the unknown scares us. Amaze us once again with your grace and help us recognize your marvelous deeds.

Sustain our hope through the dark days of winter so we may be assured of the bright day of the coming of the Lord to us. Amen.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES



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.



NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!

Dear Church *family,*
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

• Schedule your professional photography session online or call the Church Office!

If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

• Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

• Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Slots are filling up fast!

Do not miss having your new photograph taken for our 2024 Membership Directory! Mark your calendar for January 22, 23, 24, or 25, 2024.

You may schedule your time slot online at www.ucdir.com

- In the upper right-hand corner click on "Photography Appointment scheduling login"
- Enter the church code: az116
- Enter the password: photos

You may also call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766 to have us schedule the appointment for you!

TIPS FOR THE PERFECT PHOTOGRAPH

Prepare for your Professional Photography Session:



Formal

Semi-Formal

Casual

Great Gift Ideas:

Portraits
Wallets & up to 20x24's
4 Different Finishes
Package Deals
Frames
Retouch
Montages
Trios
Holiday Greeting Cards

Getting Ready

CLOTHING: Solid colors work best and will make you look thinner.

HAIR: Be yourself, avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session.

JEWELRY: If you have jewelry that has special meaning to you, wear it!

MAKE-UP: Apply make-up as you would normally for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes: they're the focal point in a portrait!

GLASSES: If you wear eye glasses all the time, you'll want to wear them in your portraits. Don't worry, we'll take care of any glare.

RETOUCH: Universal offers portrait retouching that can soften facial lines and correct blemishes.

We Make it Easy!

Allow 45-60 minutes for professional photography and portrait previewing.

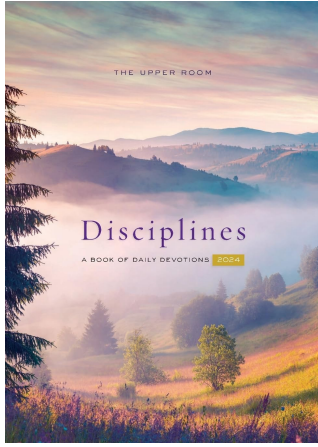


What can I bring?

- You may invite extended family members for a **multi-generational photo**.
- **Bring your pets**, we know they are an important part of the family! Please check with your church.
- **Bring props** that express you and your family's personality, e.g., **instruments, sports equipment and hobby items**.

Share your portraits with family & friends!

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES 2024



Join us in challenging yourself to take a deeper relationship with Christ each day with The Upper Room Disciplines.

Readings in this year-long devotional will awaken and strengthen your awareness of God's presence in your daily life. Each week a different Christian thought leader offers daily meditations and prayers that will help you engage in God's Word.

Pick up your Disciplines (\$20) in the Church Office.

UWF CIRCLE NEWS

While having a great time at our Christmas Pot-Luck Party at Melody Johnson's home on December 11, The Christian Fellowship Circle wrapped gifts for 5 - 8-year-olds at Child Crisis Arizona (associated with Fans Across America). The presents have been delivered and will soon be in the hands of some very happy children!



We would welcome you with open arms if you would like to join our circle. We meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 3:30 pm in the Parlor in Lindsay Hall. You will get to know many fun and caring ladies. All meetings include a spiritual uplift, sharing of joys and concerns, mission plans, interesting reports, and summaries. It would be one of the best hours of your week!

-Christy Thomas

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of Dottie Barnard who died on Sunday, May 14. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 20, at 1:30 pm in the Chapel with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.



...to the family and friends of Genevieve Welch who died on Tuesday, December 12. The memorial service will be held out of state.

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