



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

I am thankful for you!

Marvin

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE CHANGE

The Saturday, 4:00 pm worship time has been canceled beginning Saturday, November 25, 2023.



UNISON PRAYER



God of abundant love, hear the song of our hearts: a song of thankfulness and praise, a song of hope and expectation, a song of laughter and joy, a song of mirth and good will. May the song of your unending love continue to sing forth through the offering of our lives and resources. May the joy of our hearts break forth in acts of comfort for those who weep, in acts of mercy to the poor and imprisoned, in acts of encouragement to the weary. You are our refuge and our fortress. We trust you to guide and bless our lives. As you have blessed us may we be a blessing to others in your name. Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2024!

Have an event, meeting, or party to schedule on the Church calendar for 2024? Please use a "Calendar Event Request" form found **HERE**.

This form is used to ensure the Church Calendar stays current and rooms are not double booked.

If you have any questions, call the Church Office.



MEMBERSHIP



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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.

UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!

Join the United Women in Faith (UWF) Christmas Luncheon, on December 15 at 12:00 pm in Lindsay Hall!

The ticket price (\$20) includes a three-course catered meal and entertainment by "Come Back Buddy," toe-tapping music featuring Buddy Holly songs as well as Christmas favorites.

Holly's style was influenced by gospel music, country music, and rhythm and blues. You won't want to miss this event to help celebrate the



holiday season!

Tickets will be on sale after the worship service on Sunday, November 26, December 3, and December 10. You may also purchase them in the Church Office with a deadline of December 11.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Join us for the "Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday, November 26 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in Lindsay Hall. We will decorate around the Church Campus and share a chili dinner together! Please help out by donating a pie for dessert.

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or the Church Office.

Help Beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas!

**Poinsettia Order Forms are Available in the
Narthex and the Church Office**

Cost per Poinsettia \$15

Due Date - Sunday, December 17



HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN ADVENT



Three sessions of the 4-week Advent study ***The Angels of Christmas***, by Susan Robb will be offered in late November.

Explore the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus! In this Advent work, Robb considers the interactions of God's messengers with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds; dives deep into the history of the angel

Gabriel in the Old Testament; and discusses God's presence in history - and our lives today.

Beginning:

Monday, November 27 at 1:30 pm in Room 4 with Pastor Marvin.

Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 am in Room 4 with Rev. George Smoot.

Thursday, November 30 at 12:00 pm in Room 4 with Cathy Smoot.

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

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

As most know, your children or grandchildren do not want your 'stuff' they want you to have your 'stuff' in order.

Join Elaine Poker-Yount and others for critical conversations to have with your family this holiday season on Thursday, December 7, 12:30 pm- 4:00 pm in Lindsay Hall.

Two key topics include:

- *Ensuring a Secure Legacy: What Your Kids Really Want to Know* presented by Attorney Aaron Fransua, principal attorney of the estate planning law firm AVID Esq. Group LLC.
- *Understanding how and when Arizona's Long Term Care System (ALTCS) Works for You* presented by Katie Brenneman, owner and principal of Stronghold Financial.
- *Critical Conversations and Understanding Hospice* presented by Elaine Poker-Yount.



R.S.V.P. to elaine@successfulagingaz.com or call (480) 203-8548.

CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendar!

The Sun Lakes Chorale will perform their annual holiday concert on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in the

Church Office during regular office hours.



CANTATA - DECEMBER 10

**Sun Lakes United Methodist Church Chancel Choir
presents a Cantata for Christmas**

“And There Was Light”

by Joseph M. Martin and Brant Adams

conducted by Music Director Cris Evans

Sunday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

with Chancel Choir

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9248 E. Riggs Rd., Sun Lakes, AZ
(480) 895-8766 www.sunlakesumc.org

A photograph of a Christmas tree decorated with red and gold ornaments, stars, and lights. The tree is the central focus of the bottom half of the poster, set against a dark blue background. The ornaments include red stars, gold stars, and various round ornaments. The lights are warm white and red.

TNT - DECEMBER 12 - SUN BELLS



Do not miss Tuesday Nights Together on December 12 as we enjoy the "Sun Bells", a 15-member handbell choir, who are preparing a concert filled with joy and jubilation. In addition to hearing handbells and choir chimes, we will have a special guest treat us to music with recorders and flute.

Put your Christmas hustle-bustle aside and join us for an hour of fun and Christmas music, guaranteed to lighten your mood.

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

YOUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR!

As most of you know, Jean Hamlin, our Office Administrator, is retiring as of December 31, 2023.

In our search to replace Jean, we have hired Lauren Jones. Lauren has been in the business world for over 20 years and we are very excited to welcome her on board. She will begin training with Jean on Tuesday, November 28.

We expect to have a going away party for Jean in mid-January, check future newsletters for further details.

UWF UNIT MEETING PACKING PARTY!

The *United Women in Faith* unit meeting was a hit, especially the packing party to benefit *Women4Women!*

The ladies, about 30, packed 450 packs and beat our latest record! In addition, they presented a \$500 check to Women4Women from our Missions Team so the

organization could purchase more supplies!

Thank you to all!



ATTENTION ALL UWF READERS

It is that time again for the 2023 Reading

Program report to be sent over to the Central East District.

The deadline is December 20, so Mary Boyer must have your report by December 7. You may mail it to her at 100 W. Queen Creek Rd., Apt. #114, Chandler, AZ 85248, call her at 480-895-2579 (no hard copy to attach to your certificate), or e-mail her at **maryboyer116@gmail.com** (again no hard copy).



Please help keep up our great record by submitting your report promptly!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



Ten ladies from the Christian Fellowship Circle stuffed nutritious and delicious meals into bags, weighed, sealed, packed, and labeled the shipping boxes at *Feed My Starving Children*.

The Circle also donated \$106 to help pay for the food that all the volunteers packed to go to Haiti. This is an extremely well-run organization and every

penny possible goes where you want it to go!

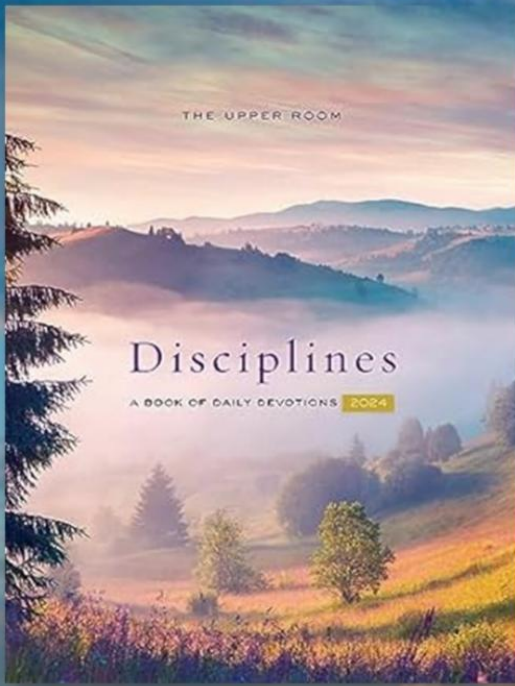


Left to Right: Nan Keller, Judy Crymble, Nancy Schofield, Christy Thomas, Becky Sealey, Cindy Thomas, Marjorie Wright, Melody Johnson, Mary Maund, and Susan Langan.

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON NOVEMBER 19 BY:

- Dennis & Barbara McMullen in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.
- Larry & Ruth Palmer in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.





Upper Room Book of Daily Devotions 2024

On sale for \$20
in the
Church Office

LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...Linda Rauch, family and friends on the death of her husband Larry Rauch on Monday, November 13. Memorial information is pending.

...to the family and friends of Nancy Kopac, who died Tuesday, October 31.

...to the family and friends of Steve Pearson, who died Saturday, November 4.

A Memorial service will be held Friday, **December 1, at 11:00 am in the Chapel with a reception at Robson Reserve from 1:00-3:00 pm.**

...to the family and friends of Cheryl Gerblick who died on Tuesday, October 10. An inurnment will be held on Saturday, **December 9 at 10:00 am in The Gardens with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.**

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