



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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COOKIES FOR HOSPITALITY HOUR

January is an empty month for cookie donations for hospitality hour. Please sign up in Lindsay Hall to bake and bring cookies. Bring them to the Church by Thursday 3:00pm.



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES



Due to technical difficulties, we were not able to live stream Sunday's (Jan. 7) service. We plan to live stream Sunday services each week.

Technology is wonderful when it works!!!

DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS

Spots are filling up quickly for the new directory pictures! Please follow the steps below or call the Church Office **(480) 895-8766** to sign up.



NEEDING VOLUNTEERS



We need volunteers to help with the Church Directory photography Jan. 22 - 25. The volunteers will greet those with appointments and help in the process.

Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or by calling the Church Office **(480) 895-8766**.

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.



UNISON PRAYER



"Eternal God, you commit to us the swift and solemn trust of life. We do not know what a day may bring forth, only that the hour of serving you is ever present. May we wake to the instant claims of our holy will, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. Lift us above our unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith, hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on your sure will. In all things draw to the mind of Christ that your lost image may be traced again and you may own us as one with him and with you."

Touch the brokenness of our experiences. Renew hope within us. We pray these things in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- James Martineau (1805-1900)

NEW MEMBERSHIP 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!

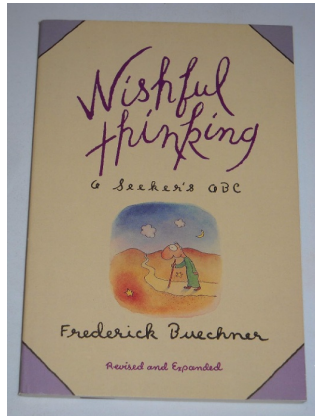
Do not miss having your new photograph taken for our 2024 Membership Directory! Mark your calendar for January 22, 23, 24, or 25, 2024.

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!

FAITHFUL HEARTS BOOK STUDY



"Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC" by Frederick Buechner will be read to be discussed over the next four Thursday mornings, from 10:30 – 11:30 in Room 2 of the Education Building, led by Pastor Judy.

From the back cover: "In (Fred Buechner's) often ironic and always keen-sighted reflections on such terms as *agnostic, envy, love and sin*, he invites us to look at these everyday words in new and enlightening ways."

Thursday, January 11, we will meet for orientation, and read and discuss the brief book for the next four weeks. It is available on Amazon for \$12.00 (new) and good used copies (\$7.25) are also available there. Contact Pastor Judy if you have questions.

HEALTHY AGING AND HEARING LOSS

Did you know that untreated hearing loss can lead to dementia and other age-related health issues?

Join us Thursday, January 11th from 12:45 to 2:30 pm in the Education Building Room 1, when we welcome Dr. Calla Begin-Nunez, Au.D.

Dr. Begin-Nunez will present the important topic of "Healthy Aging and Hearing Loss." She will explain how to recognize the consequences of hearing loss for older adults and the treatment options that are available.

So please join us for another informative meeting. Bring a friend; enjoy a light snack and get some valuable information in a casual setting.

If you have any questions, please contact rontallman1@gmail.com or rozseibold@gmail.com.



INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE EVENT

January 14, 2024 is the date of a community-wide roundtable forum featuring various religious leaders in Sun Lakes. The discussion topic impacts all religions worldwide: "The Declining Affiliation and Attendance Rates in Traditional Houses of Worship".

The Sun Lakes All Faith Chapel, 9240 E.



Sun Lakes Blvd. is the location for this event starting at 2:00pm sponsored by The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Education Committee.

Each of the religious leaders will discuss an aspect of the multifaceted issue and all will explore the American religious landscape together. The forum is free and open to the public. For any additional information, please contact **barbara374@cox.net**.

JEAN'S RETIREMENT PARTY

On Tuesday, January 16 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, please join us in Lindsay Hall for a Card Shower to honor Jean and all she has done for this Church. She has been here 7 years and will be missed as she moves onto her next season of life.

Join us in wishing her a retirement full of health and happiness!



UWF UNIT MEETING



The January Unit meeting of United Women of Faith will be held on Wednesday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m. in Lindsay Hall. The program will consist of installation of the Leadership Team by Rev. Marvin, PLEDGE Service by Donna Jones, Treasury, and an informative talk on "Aging Out of Foster Care" by Sally's daughter, Laura McNight.

Laura holds a Master's degree in Social Work from ASU and has worked as a Career Advisor for transitional age foster care youth, has worked on the Speaker's Bureau for Arizona

Friends of Foster Care Children, and has interned and volunteered with Chandler's Fire Department in crisis response.

Also, please mark your calendar for February 3, 2024, for the annual Retreat to be held in Lindsay Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00p.m.

GLORYWAY GOSPEL CONCERT

On Sunday, January 21 at 4pm in the Sanctuary to enjoy some good old-fashioned gospel music performed by GloryWay.

GloryWay began as four friends singing around the town of Mansfield, Ohio spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through music. Every year, they perform in various cities around the United States.



Please join us to enjoy the gospel spread by a four-part harmony that blends classic harmonies and inspiring new styles. GloryWay uses every opportunity to share their ministry through music. Each performance is sure to delight and encourage all who listen.

Tickets are not needed but there will be a free-will offering available in the Sanctuary after their performance.

NEIGHBORS WHO CARE CONFERENCE



Neighbors Who Care is once again hosting their annual Aging Made Easier Conference that is at no cost! This year's conference theme is "What You Don't Know About Getting Older". It will provide practical and insightful education with education and resources on aging gracefully to members of our community.

Please Sign up online at **Eventbrite.com** (search for Aging Made Easier) or call Neighbors Who Care at **(480) 895-7133, ext. 170**.

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Time: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Risen Savior Lutheran Church

23620 S. Alma School Road

Chandler, AZ 85248

(Next to the Safeway shopping center on the intersection of Chandler Heights and Alma School Rd.)

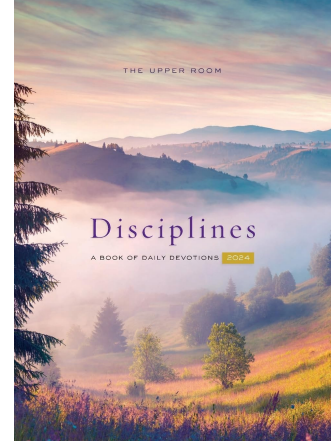
UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES 2024

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.



NEW A/C AND HEAT INFORMATION



We're excited to announce that we have partnered with Trove, LLC. to implement a new heating and air conditioning system that ties in with our monthly calendar!

It is important that any groups or meetings must be scheduled on the calendar as soon as possible. If that does not happen, the rooms will not be at a comfortable temperature.

Calendar Request Forms are available via email (office@sunlakesumc.org) or hard copy in the office.

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:30am in Lindsay Hall for a special presentation from Medicare Specialist William (Bill) Blaney. He will go over Medicare 2024 and Medicare Fraud that is most common and how to prevent it from happening. Now that open enrollment is over, this is the perfect presentation to not only learn more about Medicare and how it can benefit you, but to learn the frauds that can easily happen.



Please RSVP in the Church Office or by phone at **(480) 895-8766** by Friday, February 9.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of Jerry Poe, who died



Tuesday, December 26. Memorial service information is pending.

...to the family and friends of Len Paulson, who died Friday, December 29. A Memorial service will be held in the Chapel at 1:30pm on Saturday, January 13 with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.

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