



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

What a delight it was to share in honoring Cris Evans for 25 years of faithful ministry as Music Director of this Church. The afterglow continues! And the choral piece continues to resonate in my reflections this week. My thanks to all who made the occasion possible by keeping a secret!!



This Sunday we will gather to once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We do so in faith, believing what we cannot prove with hard evidence. The music shared, the hymns sung, and the message proclaimed all speak to our doubts and fears affirming that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive for ever and ever.

I encourage you to bring a guest with you as we join together in joyous worship. Bishop Rapanut will be with us to share the Easter message and the Chancel Choir and Red Mountain Brass will share joyful music because Jesus is Risen!!

At the end of our newsletter, there IS a biography of Bishop Carlo Rapanut.

## UNISON PRAYER



Awesome God, we gather to rejoice in the light of an empty tomb. Some of us are here after a long winter night of our soul. We have struggled to breathe in the chill winds of adversity. We have been unable to grow anything in the barren fields of doubt and fear. We have trembled and shivered seeking the warmth of your love. We come to the empty tomb with expectant hope in our hearts and prayers of faith on our lips. Roll away the stones from the depths of our heart. Teach us how to live with the power of the risen Christ.

We bow in worship and worship in wonder. We dare to believe you raised Jesus from the grave. We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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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.



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## HOLY WEEK IS HERE



Join us for the remainder services of Holy Week!

**March 28:** Maundy Thursday Supper and Service at Chandler UMC 6:00pm at Chandler United Methodist Church (450 E. Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler 85249)

**March 29:** Good Friday service at 6:30pm at Sun Lakes UMC

**March 31:** Easter Sunday service 9:00am with Bishop Carlo Rapanut and The Red Mountain Brass

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# OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 1

The Office will be closed on Monday, **April 1**, in observance of Easter.

We will return on Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00am - 3:00pm



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## A THANK YOU NOTE FROM CRIS



Dear Members and Friends of SLUMC,

Last Sunday morning was one of the highlights of my work here at Sun Lakes. I was completely taken by surprise by the commissioned work for me by composer, Craig Courtney. Bart and the choir and others kept it a complete secret!

I want to thank you all for your support, cards and gifts given to me. It is truly a wonderful Church and I look forward to the next years! Thank you again, we will be singing that beautiful song again in the future!

Sincerely,  
Cris Evans, Music Director



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## CELEBRATE PASTOR MARVIN

Join us in celebrating Pastor Marvin's **9 years** of shepherding our flock! We are going to shower him with gratefulness, love and cards!

Sunday, **April 14** in Lindsay Hall following the 9:00am service.

Save the Date!!



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## MISSIONS TEAM IN MARCH



March will be **Athletic Socks Sundays!** Every hygiene kit contains a pair of athletic socks. In addition to the kits, socks are a much needed commodity for many of our charities. Both men and women wear them. Please bring the socks any time during March and leave them in the red wagon in the office or any of the Missions tubs located throughout the Church.

The Missions Team is always astounded by the generosity of this congregation and we are deeply grateful for your continued support!

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## HALE THEATRE IN APRIL

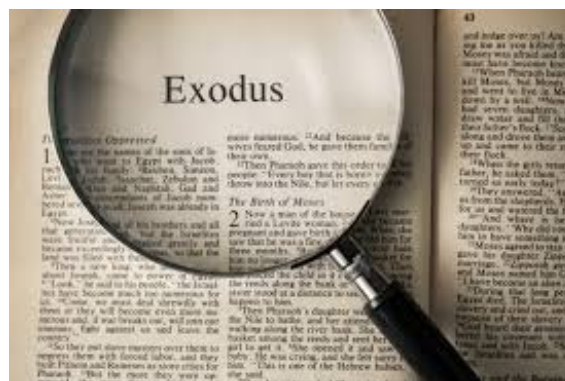
# Kiss and Tell

Tickets are now on sale for Hale Theatre's Kiss and Tell. Tickets are **\$38** each and will be one sale until Tuesday, **April 2nd**. Ride sharing is encouraged and with every show selling out, these will be sold as First-come-first-served bases. The show is on Tuesday, **April 16** at 4:00 pm.

So hurry in the Church Office and purchase yours today! If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at **(480) 895-8766**.

## THE BOOK OF EXODUS BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a Bible Study with Rev. George and Cathy Smoot on the Book of Exodus every Wednesday starting **April 3** to June 5 from 10:00 - 11:30am in Room 4 of the Education Building.



A story-centric introduction to the book of Exodus, guiding viewers in creatively and faithfully living out its message in their own contexts. Learn about one of the Bible's most important books from Christopher J. H. Wright.

Sign up sheets are located in Lindsay Hall or the Church Office.

## TNT IN APRIL



March's TNT was a HUGE success! We had over 120 people attend! On Tuesday, **April 9**, at 5:30pm, Angela Hood and Suzanne Campbell will be presenting "Travel to South America" Two Brit chicks do Chile to Argentina. They had 21 days of fun and laughter remembering past experiences.

A light meal will be offered for a free-will offering which will start at 5:00pm.

Please make sure to sign up in Lindsay Hall or the Church Office  
**(480) 895-8766** so they can ensure there's enough food for everyone!

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## SWEET LIFE CAFE BIBLE STUDY



Join us Thursdays at 12:00pm in Room 4 of the Education Building with the Sweet Life Cafe! It will begin **April 11** until May 16 with Cathy Smoot.

She will be going over "The History and Archaeology of the Bible, Part 2". A study revealing the life, times, and world of the people of Genesis and Exodus using information presented by lecturer Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a National Geographic Historian. Part 2: Settlement in the Promised Land through the Rise of Assyria.

Sign up sheets are located in Lindsay Hall or the Church Office.

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## FINANCE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Looking to volunteer for something fun and meaningful? There is an opening for a position that would be weekly on Monday mornings involving numbers and computer worksheets.

If you're interested, please contact Lauren in the Church Office (480) 895-8766.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



There have been a number of questions regarding the Church Directory. There have been a few hiccups needing to be addressed.

We are working on it daily.

Thank you for your patience on this matter.

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# COME CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY

Books from our library:

- Earth Angels: True stories about real people who bring Heaven to Earth by Jerry and Lorin Biederman
- Gospel Truth: the new image of Jesus emerging from science and history, and why it matters by Russell Shorto
- In pursuit of peace by Joyce Meyer
- The life you've always wanted: spiritual disciplines for ordinary people by John Ortberg
- A second touch by Keith Miller
- The postcard by Beverly Lewis
- The deeper journey: The spirituality of discovering your true self by M. Robert Mulholland and Ruth Haley Barton



-Kathi Strickland, Sun Lakes UMC librarian

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## MUSICAL TIME AT SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION



"A Deli Line" is an original hysterically funny musical comedy parody of "A Chorus Line" where menu items and ingredients audition for the opening of a Delicatessen!

It will take place on Saturday, **April 6** at 7:00pm and Saturday, **April 13** at 2:30pm at the Sun

Lakes Chapel.

Cost is \$18 for "Will Call" or \$20 at the door. (Please make checks out to SLJC and indicate performance date on check). Mailing address is available at the Church Office or **480-895-8766**.

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## CHECK OUR NEW PRAYER CARDS



# PRAYER REQUEST FORM

During service, take a look at the back of the pews and you'll see our new and improved Prayer Cards! On the front, there's new sections to the Prayer Request. On the back, there's a new Gratitude section! Who, what or why you're grateful! As a Church, we believe in the power of prayer and this will help us pray for you and those around!

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## GRATEFULNESS ENTRIES

These are some new entries in our "Gratitude Journals" that are placed in the Sanctuary, Lindsay Hall and Education Building...



"Thankful for the people who come back to Church after some surgery/rehab. Praise the Lord ,who id Creator, Healer and Redeemer!"

"Grateful for Mary Downs, who taken care of our flowers and weeds!"

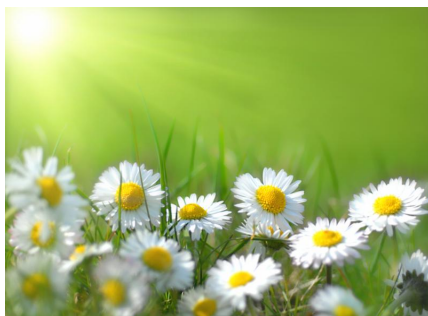
"Thank you for the Bible teachings of Pastor Marvin"

"Today I am grateful to God for another day to walk the face of Earth. For all His mercy and grace. For good health and family. Amen"

What is something you're grateful for this week?

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Jerry Poe, who passed away Tuesday, December 26. Memorial service will be Saturday, April 27 at 10:30am in the Chapel. Reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.

...to the family and friends of Dick Ryan, who passed away Saturday, February 17.

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## BISHOP CARLO RAPANUT BIOGRAPHY

Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut was elected bishop in



November 2022 by the Western Jurisdiction. He was assigned to the Phoenix episcopal area.

Carlo Axibal Rapanut is the eldest of two sons of Jose, a government employee, community organizer and ordained deacon of the UMC and Teofina, a university professor. He was born and raised in Baguio City, Philippines and was nurtured in faith in the Baguio City First United Methodist Church where, as a youth, he felt a call to serve.



Carlo went to the University of the Philippines (UP) where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 1994. After college, he served as president of his annual conference United Methodist Youth Fellowship for four years and it was during that time that he discerned a call to ordained ministry.

After a brief stint working as a scriptwriter, anchor and voice-over talent for a local TV station and serving on staff managing databases for Bishop Daniel C. Arichea, Carlo answered the call. He was first appointed to serve Philex Mines UMC in Benguet, Philippines in 1998 while he was finishing his Master of Management, major in Business Management (MBA equivalent), also from UP.

Carlo attended Wesley Divinity School in Cabanatuan City, Philippines where he finished his Master of Divinity, magna cum laude, in 2003. He served the Baguio City First UMC for 6 years, first as associate pastor while he was in seminary and then as senior pastor after his graduation.

In 2006, Carlo was ordained elder in the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference by Bishop Benjamin A. Justo who also appointed him to serve as his Assistant to the Bishop in the Baguio Episcopal Area. In 2008, Carlo and his family answered the call to serve in the Alaska Missionary Conference and was appointed to the UMC of Chugiak where he served for six years.

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya invited Carlo in 2014 to serve on the cabinet of the Greater Northwest Area as Conference Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries of the Alaska Conference. He also served as one of the deans of the cabinet, representing Alaska. Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky continued this appointment and then eventually invited Carlo to be her Assistant to the Bishop in 2021. It was from that role that he was elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdiction on November 4, 2022 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Carlo's leadership in the church included service as delegate to the Philippines Central Conference (1996 as a layperson & 2008 as clergy), Western Jurisdictional Conference (2016 as head of delegation) and General Conference (2016 & 2019 as head of delegation). He also was a director of the General Board of Global Ministries (2016-2022) where he served on the Mission Engagement and the Policy and By-laws committees. In both the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference and the Alaska Conference, Carlo served on various boards and agencies as member and chair.

Carlo is joyfully married to Zoraida "Radie" Sanchez Rapanut, a certified public bookkeeper. They make a home with their two sons Karl Caleb and Titus Carl. Carlo fell in love with long-distance running as an adult and has done many races in the past 10 years from 10Ks to Ultra marathons. He also enjoys cycling, photography, and hiking with Radie.

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