



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

I am still rehearsing our Holy Week services from Palm Sunday to Easter in my mind. Each of the four was unique in their own way, but together created a sense of anticipation that something was building beyond itself. Easter was the final act as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. The music at each service added to the occasion, touching the heart and mind enhancing the experience. Bishop Rapanut called our attention to Jesus calling Mary by her name, not by her past nor anything else but by how he knew and saw her. She was a person of worth just as everyone is a person of worth. So, let's follow Jesus by being done with labels, descriptions, and attitudes that lessen and demean others. Let's honor each other by calling them by their name.



-Marvin

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Join us Sunday, **April 7** as we join new members to our congregation!

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.



Easter Flowers 2024

Donor

In Honor or In Memory of:

Marvin Arnpriester	Have a Blessed Easter
Carlene Baldosser	In Memory of Tom Baldosser
Newman & Betty Benson	In Memory of Their Parents
Dick & Cathey Bernard	In Memory of the Ferguson Family, Yuma, AZ and the Bernard Family, Eastlake, OH
Ken & Connie Berry	In Memory of Sam Beck and In Honor of Keb & Kim Berry, Kylee Berry, Kolbi Berry & Conner Cope
Joe & Geneva Bland	In Memory of Willie & Marguarite Hull and Ruth & Joe Bland
Judy Domenico	In Memory of Ed Domenico
Melva Edwards	In Memory of Bob Edwards
Anthea Harrison	In Memory of Her Husband, Douglas Harrison
Barbara & Leonard Henre	In Memory of Their Parents and Brothers
Harry & Julie Hise	In Honor of Their Children
Kathleen & David Holling	In Memory of Their Parents, Mildred & Orville Nysted and Esther & Rev. Burton Holling
Jack & Peggy Humphreys	In Honor of Their Family
Pamela Klein	In Honor of Her Family
Marilyn Klooster	In Memory of Joe
Felisa Kulba	In Memory of Her Mother, Gregoria Garbo
Daryl & Dorothy Long	In Memory of Craig & Allison Long
Ed & Trish Miller	In Memory of Their Parents
Larry & Ruth Palmer	In Memory of Their Parents & Sisters
Julian & Marilyn Pickens	In Memory of Their Daughter, Sarah Moseley
Ralph & Lynne Pucci	In Memory of Their Parents
Richard & Judy Roller	In Memory of Nick & Ida Roller, James Roller, Pete & Vern a Bosch and Claude & Margret Green
Sue Rowlands & Fawn Eaton	In Memory of James (Reb) Rowlands
J.L. Scott	In Memory of Harriet Scott
Larry & Helga Shay	In Memory of Raquel Kreipe
Dwight Snyder	In Memory of Gloria Snyder
Pat & Howard Strouse	In Memory of Their Parents
Rick Vier	In Memory of George & Connie Reed and Billee Vier
Karen Wassum	In Memory of Duane Wassum
Lois Wohlgemuth	In Memory of Her Husband, John Wohlgemuth

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT



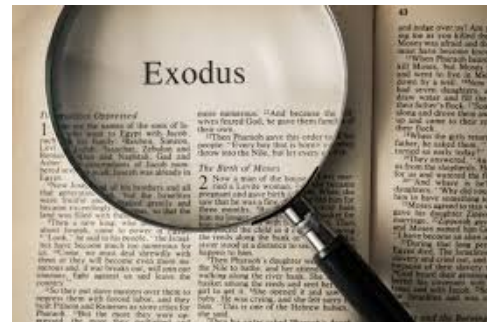
On **April 7** at 4:00 PM, the Sun Lakes Community Chorus will present a program of 'Choral Music Through the Ages'. The Chorus is made up of singers from all over, including folks from SLUMC, the Sun Lakes Chorale, Chandler UMC, and others from surrounding areas.

The project will describe a brief history of choral music, and it's importance to our culture. A Gregorian chant will open the program, followed by a motet by William Byrd, a (surprising) round from the 1600's, Beethoven, and lest you think this is a stuffy program, we're also singing jazz, show tunes, and a medley written for Les Miserables!

Bring friends and neighbors! No tickets required...the concert will take place in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy beautiful choral music by some very dedicated singers, directed by Cris Evans.

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.

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!!

CHANGES FOR TNT



There has been a slight change on **April 9th's** TNT. Due to circumstances that are beyond our control (health issues), the theme of the night will be changed to BINGO! Come out prepared to have some fun! It will be \$1 per game card.

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!

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.

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING



The April meeting of United Women in Faith will meet on **April 17**, at 1:00 p.m. in Lindsay Hall. The program will be presented by the Assistance League of East Valley, a non-profit; all volunteer organization who provides essential clothing and hygiene items to homeless children, teens, and victims of trauma. The main source of funding is the Assistance League's Thrift Shop. Christian Fellowship Circle will be hosting. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



● We heard back from the company that is issuing our directories. Changes need to be made in the list of names. We are currently working on the 900 name list.

● When we finish that task, we will send it off to get our proof sent back to us.

● Thank you for your patience on this matter.

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

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**.

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!

GRATEFULNESS ENTRIES

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



-All the ladies and gentlemen who baked all the goodies

-The beautiful service in honor of Cris Evans today. And thankful for Cris, Bart and the Choir.

-To visit here today to worship and to be thankful for Cris and Bart.

-This Church and all the friendly people.

-Support of my Church family.

-Thank you for the Bible teaching Pastor Marvin.

-Thank you Lord for the Prayer Team who prays for healing and grace.

-The Krafters.

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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