



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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Friends,

I invite you to join me in learning more about what happened at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church held in North Carolina April 23 through May 3.

Mr. Paul Gomez was a delegate from our Annual Conference. I have asked him to come and share his experience along with important decisions made. He will be with us in Lindsay Hall at 2:00 pm on Monday, **May 20** and following his presentation, looks forward to questions from those present.



-Marvin

UNISON PRAYER



Almighty God, your Holy Spirit comes to us in a rush of a mighty wind, in tongues of fire, as a dove from the heavens, and as a gentle breath. Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in creation and breathed life into us. Your Holy Spirit continues to move among us as Helper, Comforter, Counselor. For the gift of life, for the gift of your Holy Spirit, for all your gifts to us, we give you thanks, O God. Continue to move in and through your church, O God, that it may serve you not only with words but also with actions, that it may be guided by your Holy Spirit, and that all people may be led in the ways of truth, of righteousness, and of justice. Continue to move in and through us, O God, to make your presence known in our world: to visit the sick and imprisoned, to comfort the grieving, to feed the hungry, and clothe the naked, to care for the needy and the oppressed, to help and encourage each other in the doing of your will. Grant, O God, that we may see visions and dream dreams of the way your world can be, inspired by your great love for us, and as shown to us by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the community of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Celebrate Pentecost
WEAR RED THIS SUNDAY!

Wear red this Sunday! Red is the color of Pentecost, symbolizing the Holy Spirit's arrival with tongues of fire. Go through your closets and find red

clothes to wear to Church on Pentecost Sunday to join in the celebration!

COOKIES FOR HOSPITALITY HOUR



People sure do love their cookies! We are looking for wonderful bakers who would volunteer to bake a couple dozen cookies for hospitality hour.

Please bring to the Church Office or Lindsay Hall no later than Thursdays at 3:00pm. Container Pick-Up will be on Sunday by the

Kitchen.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need volunteers to run the sound board and Power Point when Wilson and Henry are gone this summer from time to time. Please call the Church Office to volunteer and the boys will be delighted to set up a time to train you. Volunteers are also needed from time to time for other events like special programs and memorial services.



We need volunteers to pick up the flower arrangements from Albertson's Floral on Queen Creek and Alma School each Saturday or Sunday Morning for our 9:00am worship service. Please contact the Church Office (480-895-8766) to volunteer and we will be happy to work out details and a schedule with (hopefully several) volunteers.

VETERANS CIRCLE OF HONOR



Created by President Harry Truman in 1949 and first celebrated in 1950, **Armed Forces Week** this year begins on the second Saturday in May (11th) and culminates on **Armed Forces Day** (May 18th). It is a week for honoring the 2.86 million active duty people currently serving in the six branches of the US

military. **Memorial Day weekend** will be celebrated from sunrise May 25th through sunset May 27th to honor deceased veterans.

Should you wish to honor an active duty service member or a veteran (living or deceased), consider placing a handsomely engraved paving block in the newly landscaped Veterans Circle of Honor located in front of the Church. The installed block is provided by donations to the Veterans Circle. The only charge is to cover engraving (currently about \$75.00). There have been over 400 blocks placed in the Memorial over the past ten years. Request forms are available in the Church office.

Howard Strouse
Chair, Veterans Circle of Honor

SINGLE OR LIVING ALONE (SOLA)

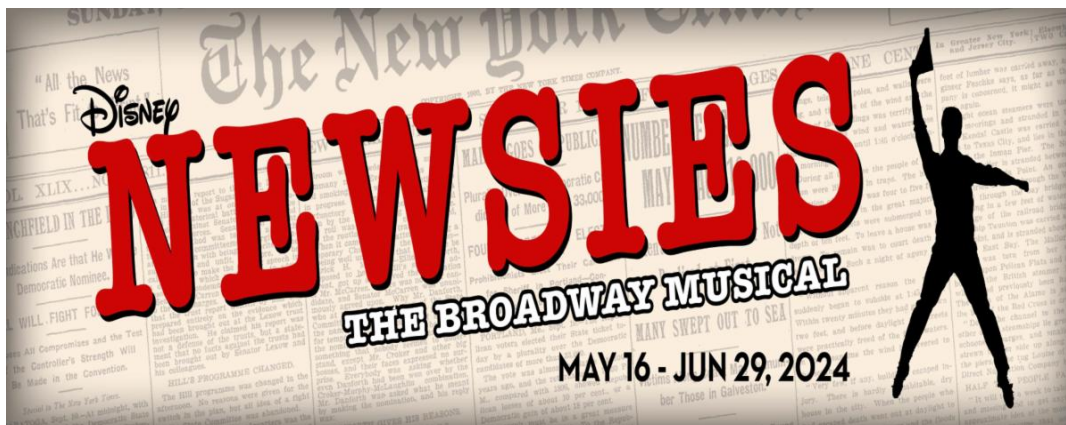
SOLA (Singles or Living Alone) is hosting a lunch at Floridinos Italian Restaurant, 590 N Alma School Rd, on Friday, **May 17** at 11:30am. Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or Church Office. Bring a friend and note if you need a ride.



Survey results are in! Your interests are Bingo, Mexican Train, Movies, and Bunco. Look for more information on these and other SOLA activities in June's Social Scene newsletter!

For questions regarding this group, please contact Jeanette: 641-777-0284

HALE THEATER MUSICAL



Extra, extra! Read all about it! Based on a true story set in NYC at the turn of the century. Jack Kelly is the leader of a band of street kids who dream of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. They take on the notorious publisher, Joseph Pulitzer. This **musical** feature catchy songs and a posse of underdogs you can't help but root for.

Tickets On Sale: Monday, May 6 - May 18
(Show Date: Sat, June 1)

Tickets are \$38/pp.
Purchase through the Church Office or Christy Johnson (775)-378-2217

TNT IN MAY



Bites and Stings: How can you stay safe in our desert environment?

May's Tuesday Nights Together on **May 21** in Lindsay Hall invites you to join a member of Banner's Poison Control to learn about the US Poison Control System with its state connections and Banner's Poison Control resources. Find out what you should do if you or a family member is bitten or stung.

Did you know there are also a variety of poisonous plants in our desert landscape? Learn how to identify and the precautions you can take.

A light meal will be offered for a free-will offering at 5:00 pm; the presentation starts at 5:30 pm.

R.S.V.P at the Church Office (480) 895-8766 so we have enough food for everyone!

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?



PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Our new Prayer Cards have a Gratitude section! With negativity surrounding us everyday, it's easy to forget those little (and big) things to be thankful for! We would love to hear some people, events or things you're grateful

for! What blessings have happened this week? There's nothing too big or too small to be thankful for!

GRATITUDE JOURNAL ENTRIES



Many entries to the *Gratitude Journals*, placed throughout various sites around our campus, focused on Pastor Marvin's nine years of ministry with us. Congregants expressed appreciation and love for him, and the feeling that he will be missed greatly!

Included here are some additional ones:

... Grateful for the people who provide all the things in this building -- toilet tissue, soap, first aid kits, water bottles, coffee, etc.

... Thank you all for sharing your gratitudes (From Prayer Team)

... Grateful for friendship and fellowship, especially in times of worries and sadness.

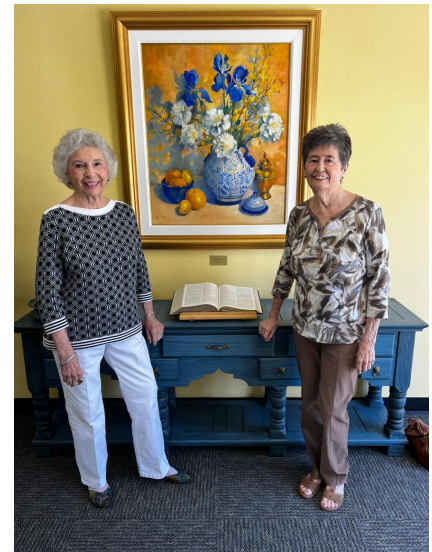
... Grateful for the people who are involved in the maintenance of the Church buildings, gardens and the facilities in the campus.

... So thankful that the pain in my hip and leg are gone. Don't know how or why except that God answers prayers.

DID YOU KNOW: FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

The Fine Arts Committee was formed about 15 years ago to enhance the beauty of our buildings. With bare walls this committee requested donations of paintings and wall hangings that are in all of our campus buildings. The Fine Arts committee also consults when there is an upgrade of walls being painted. The lighting behind the cross in the sanctuary was one of their projects.

Their purpose is to continue to beautify and make our campus interesting, comforting and a place for silent meditation. This committee is small and if anyone with an art background is interested in this caring group, please call the Church Office, or contact Chairperson: Marilyn Pickens at marilynpic@aol.com.



COME BY OUR LIBRARY!



These are some of the books which are displayed in the library:

- No greater Savior by Richard Lee and Ed Hindson
 - The proud and the free by Janet Dailey
 - Grace in autumn by Lori Copeland and Angela Hunt
 - The courage to give: inspiring stories of people who triumphed over tragedy to make a difference in the world by Jackie Waldman with Janis Leibs Dworkis
 - The little book of big questions: answers to life's perplexing questions by Dianna Booher
 - From Jesus to Christ by Paula Fredricksen
 - tuesdays with Morrie: an old man, a young man and life's greatest lesson by Mitch Albom
 - The amazing John Wesley: an unusual look at an uncommon life by Newton Malony
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ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON MAY 12

-From Rick Vier in memory of Connie Reed and Billee Vier



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Neeltje Gingerich, who died Thursday, May 9. Memorial service will be held in California.

...to Deane Grav, family and friends on the death of his wife, Liz Grav who died Thursday, April 4. A memorial service will be in the late

summer.

...to the family and friends of Betty Wolfmeyer, who died Wednesday, May 1. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 AM in the Chapel with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.

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