



**Sun Lakes United Methodist Church**  
Sun Lakes, Arizona

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## **A WARM WELCOME FROM YOUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR**

Dear Sun Lakes United Methodist Church Family,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I write to you as your new Senior Pastor. My name is Reverend Jennifer Lambert, and I am honored to join this vibrant and welcoming community. As I begin this new journey with you, I am eager to learn about the many ministry opportunities we have here and to explore how we can grow together in faith and service.

One of my primary goals is to focus on our health and wellness ministry. I firmly believe that nurturing our mind-body-spirit connection is essential to living the life God intends for us. Through various programs and initiatives, we will emphasize holistic well-being, ensuring that our church is a place where everyone can find support and encouragement in



their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Starting in August, I will be hosting small group meetings to get to know each of you better. These gatherings will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, share our stories, and discuss our hopes and dreams for Sun Lakes UMC. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue to be a beacon of hope with unconditional love and acceptance in our community.

I am also deeply committed to continuing the legacy of the four esteemed Senior Pastors who have served before me. Their dedication and leadership have shaped this church into the loving and dynamic community it is today. I am grateful for their contributions and will strive to build upon their foundation, guiding us toward new horizons while honoring our rich history.

Leading worship at Sun Lakes UMC is another aspect of my ministry that I eagerly anticipate. Together, we will celebrate God's love through inspiring sermons, uplifting music, and meaningful rituals. Worship is at the heart of our faith, and I am excited to share in these sacred moments with all of you.

Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. I am truly blessed to be part of such a warm and caring congregation. Let us move forward together, embracing new opportunities and deepening our connections with one another and with God.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Pastor Jennifer

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## UNISON PRAYER



Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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## JULY 2024 WORSHIP SERIES - BEGINNINGS

"Genesis" tells the story of new beginnings, generation after generation. Adam, Noah and Abraham are all given opportunities for second chances. Join us Sundays in July and

together we will be challenged and encouraged to answer some of life's bigger questions.

**July 7** - Genesis 1:1-3 *Why Are We Here?*

**July 14** - Genesis 1:26-27 *Who Am I?*

**July 21** - Genesis 3:1-6 *What Is My Problem?*

**July 28** - Genesis 15:1-6 *How Can I Be Part of What God Is Doing in This World?*



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## COOKIES FOR HOSPITALITY HOUR



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

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## TECH TEAM EXPANDING

We need volunteers to join our tech team! Learn to run the sounds board and/or PowerPoint, training provided! Volunteers are also needed from time to time for other events like special programs and memorial services.

Please contact the Church Office (480-895-8766) to volunteer, and we will be happy to work out details.



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## UPCOMING ELECTION

In the United States, voting is a fundamental right and an essential part of being an engaged citizen. It allows each of us to have a say in shaping the policies and future of our communities, cities and country. Regardless of age (as long as you're 18), ethnicity, or



background, every person has the power to make a difference through their vote!

We are hosting the Primary Elections in Lindsay Hall on **July 30** from 7:00am - 7:00pm.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT



Here we are with half of 2024 behind us as we look forward to the second half! We began 2024 with \$141,190.02 on hand. Income for the first half was \$419,313.45 with expenditures of \$420,734.47 leaving us with a net balance of \$139,769.00 on hand as we begin July.

**For end of June 2024**

### General Fund June

Beginning Balance	
\$	149,262.61
Revenue received	
\$	59,012.68
Expenses	
\$	(68,506.29)
Net Balance	
\$	137,769.00

Thank you so much for all your continued support during this long HOT summer!

Kindly,

Candy Jones  
Finance Chairman

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## SOLA LUNCHEON

If you are Single Or Living Alone (SOLA), you're invited to have lunch

on Friday, **July 12** at 11:30am with the group!

It will be at The Sunset Grill (Formally known as Phase 1) located at: 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd.

A sign up sheet is located in Lindsay Hall or call the Church Office: (480) 895-8766

Ride sharing is available upon request!



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## **SOLA POTLUCK LUNCH AND A MOVIE**



If you are Single Or Living Alone (SOLA), you're invited to a Sandwich and Salad Potluck Lunch on Friday, **July 19** at 11:30am in Lindsay Hall!

The group will be showing: How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days featuring Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey.

A sign up sheet is located in Lindsay Hall or call the Church Office: (480) 895-8766

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## **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SUN LAKES**

Wednesday, July 24 – 10:00 – 11:30 AM – Rooms 1 & 4  
RSVP to [DFSunLakes@oakwoodcreativecare.org](mailto:DFSunLakes@oakwoodcreativecare.org),  
Call Elaine at 480-203-8548, or Call the Church Office

Join Elaine Poker-Yount as she presents ways to keep relationships healthy and intact when dealing with those who have dementia.



## NAME BADGES

We are still taking orders for new name badges! They are \$10 each to cover a part of the expense.

If you'd like to order a name badge, please contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766 and we will place an order for you!



## DID YOU KNOW: STAFF PARISH RELATIONS



SPRC - Staff Parish Relations Committee:

The SPRC committee consists of 9 church members who are appointed for a 3-year term. They meet monthly and focus on building strong relationships between:

- The staff and the congregation
- The congregation and the District Superintendent

The members are assigned to a staff member with whom they communicate on a regular basis. They assist the Pastor(s) and staff in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance. They also set

priorities for leadership and service.

Contact – Peggy Humphreys  
480-209-2932

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## COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY

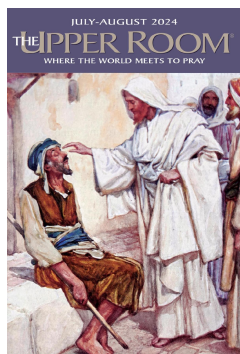
Every Sunday after service, there is an "Adult Sunday School" that is hosted in Room 1 of the Education Building that starts at 10:30.

The teachers vary but the Study Books are available during class!



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## UPPER ROOM JULY - AUGUST



The Upper Room Daily Devotional for July - August 2024 is now available in the Church Office Foyer or Lindsay Hall. A limited amount of Large Print is available.

There are small envelopes located near the Upper Rooms for any offering. Thank you for your contributions!

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## ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JULY 7



-From the SLUMC Congregation and Staff to Welcome Rev. Jennifer Lambert

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## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...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 Jim Rainwaters, who died Friday, May 17. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary Saturday, July 20th at 10:30am with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall.



...to the family and friends of Gigi Anderson who died Thursday, June 6. Memorial service is pending.

...to the family and friends of Leo Peterson who died Sunday, May 12. A family memorial was held in Indiana.

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