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FROM THE PASTOR

Celebrating Kathi Strickland: 11 Years of Dedicated Service as Our Church Librarian

This month marks a special milestone for one of our longtime volunteers, Kathi Strickland, who stepped up 11 years ago to become the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church librarian. Since then, Kathi has faithfully and diligently attended to the cataloging of thousands of items in our church library, contributing an astounding 1,144 hours of her time and talent to this essential ministry of information services.



Kathi's commitment has been nothing short of extraordinary. She was willing to tackle something that others could not—organizing and caring for the vast resources in our library, ensuring that they are accessible to all who seek knowledge, spiritual growth, or simply the joy of reading. Her attention to detail and devotion to keeping our library in excellent shape reflect her

deep care for this congregation and its members.

We are so grateful for Kathi's faithful support and care for our church's library ministry. Through her service, she has enriched the life of Sun Lakes UMC, helping countless people find inspiration, wisdom, and comfort in the resources she so lovingly organizes.

Thank you, Kathi, for your tireless dedication and for making such a positive impact on our church community! We celebrate and honor your 11 years of service and look forward to many more.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jen

MEMBERS



"Membership has its privileges," and at Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, we are blessed to have so many who call our church, "home."

Please contact the Church office to let us know you'd like to join, and we'll include you in this special day. We can't wait to officially welcome you into our church family!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6th is World Communion Sunday. We are called to reach out to all people and model the diversity of all God's children. Your generous gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities.

Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons. Special Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex, Lindsay Hall and the Church Office.



OCT. / NOV. 2024 WORSHIP SERIES



Our world seems to be consumed with division—often typified in the colors red and blue. Rather than stay in our monochromatic silos, the Golden Rule in scripture challenges us to engage in conversation and seek to create whatever common good we can with our relatives, friends, and neighbors who we might consider to be on the “other side” politically and ideologically. As we attempt to come together, the idea is not that we are obliterating either one or trying to change each other, but rather we discover the beauty that can be created when we work together to make the world a better

place. The “purple space” is where we cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what.

October 6: "Blue and Red Make Purple: Kindness" - Luke 6:31-36
World Communion Sunday

October 13: "The Polarization Within: Compassion" - Isaiah 11:6-9

October 20: "Listen More, Speak Less: Humility" - Ephesians 4:1-6
Stephen Leaders/Ministers recognized
"Homecoming" Sunday for winter residents

October 27: "Living Together on Uncommon Ground: Respect" - 1 Corinthians 12:1-26

November 3: "Malice Towards None: Love" - Matthew 22:34-40

CHURCH HOMECOMING



Join us for a "Homecoming Brunch" on Sunday, **October 20th** right after service in Lindsay Hall. A reservation is required, so stop to pick up your free ticket after service on Sunday, Sept. 29th, Oct. 6th and 13th. This is a catered event, so you must have a reservation.

We hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

COOKIES FOR HOSPITALITY HOUR

People sure do love their cookies! We are looking for wonderful bakers who would volunteer to bake 2 - 3 dozen cookies for hospitality hour. There is a sign up sheet in Lindsay Hall on the easel past the foyer.

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.



JEWELRY DONATIONS FOR BAZAAR



The Krafters Annual Bazaar is coming up quickly and the Krafters need your help! The creative team is busy working on projects, and they are assembling items for the vintage jewelry sale and simple treasures displays.

If you have any jewelry lying around that you no longer wear, consider donating it to the Krafters to be repurposed or to be sold!

You can leave your donations in the red wagon in the Church Office Lobby.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are truly blessed by all the amazing volunteers how dedicate their time back into this Church and the congregation!

If you want to meet some really amazing people, can answer phones, and help with some office tasks, we need you! We currently have openings on:

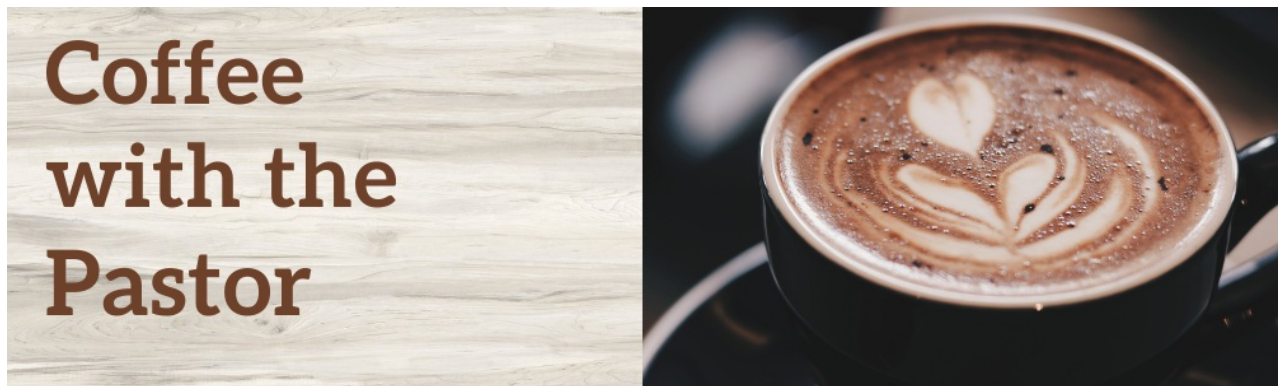
Wednesday's: **12:00pm - 3:00pm**



Things that we will need assistance with would include answering the phones, helping anybody who comes into the office needing help or direction, and miscellaneous tasks.

If this seems to be of interest, please contact Lauren at the Church Office to set up a meeting! **(480) 895 - 8766**

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR



With the busy season ahead, Pastor Jennifer is offering 2 more meetings in the month of October. There you can bring up any concerns, or ask any questions to get to know her better! There are only 12 seats available per day, so call the Church Office (480) 895-8766 to sign-up!

The dates are: Wednesday, **October 2nd** & Thursday, **October 17th**.
At 10:00am - 11:30am in Room 1 of the Education Building.

BLOOD DRIVE IN OCTOBER



American Red Cross is hosting another blood drive here in Lindsay Hall on Thursday, **October 3rd** from 9:00am - 2pm.

Please make an appointment at:
redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code:
SunLakesLions or call 1-800-733-2767

KRAFTERS FALL SALE

On Sunday, **October 6th** after service in Lindsay Hall, the Krafters will be displaying some of their amazing fall

items that will be for sale!

Come check out their amazing displays and goodies that will be ready for purchase!



TNT IN OCTOBER



Have you ever been curious about the various types of train cars and engines? Join us for an engaging talk with Bart Burton, a passionate train enthusiast, who will share insights into the world of trains, both present and historical. Bart's deep-rooted interest in trains began with his family's legacy in the Pullman Railway Company and has led him to become a founding member of the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler. He has served as President of the American Association of Private Railway Owners and currently holds the position of Vice-President of Operations at the Railway Museum.

Join us on Tuesday, **October 8th** in Lindsay Hall. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm with the speaker beginning at 5:30 pm.

We kindly request that attendees R.S.V.P by calling (480) 895-8766 or sign-up in Lindsay Hall to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

UWF CIRCLE OF FAITHFUL FRIENDS

The Circle of Faithful Friends will meet Thursday, **October 10th** at 1:00 in the Parlor.

Ila Mackerman, who teaches classes on strength and balance, will be teaching us some techniques to help us stay upright! All are welcome, bring a friend!



SOLA (SINGLE OR LIVING ALONE)



Come and enjoy conversation and fellowship Friday, **October 11th**, 11:30 at Stone and Vine on Alma School and Queen Creek! Bring a friend!!

Sign up sheets available in Lindsay Hall or the Church Office (480) 895-8766

Ride Sharing is available upon request!

UWF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

Snowbirds and vacationers are coming back, and we are ready to kick it into high gear. There is always joy in getting together again. If you are looking for a new circle of friends, some fun, and want to do missions work, study the Bible and know what Methodist women around the world are doing, come and join us! We meet the second Monday of each month from October to May. Our

October 14th meeting will be a potluck dinner at the home of Christy Thomas at 4:00pm. (Please R.S.V.P. with the dish you will bring and to get directions. Contact Christy at: **christysunlakes@gmail.com**). Read the book of Luke in preparation for our time together!



UWF UNIT MEETING

Welcome back to all those who have been away during the summer! The Unit Meeting of United Women in Faith will be held on Wednesday, **October 16th** at 1:00 p.m. in Lindsay Hall. The



program will be on "Habitat for Humanity," presented by a delegate from that organization, with some video illustrations. (More info to follow later). Faithful Friends Circle will be hosting.

Also, please plan to help Caring Hearts Circle at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15th in Lindsay Hall who will be addressing cards to Veterans. They plan to do quite a few, so they need lots of help!

SWEET LIFE CAFE

On **October 17th** Sweet Life will begin a study on Angels. We will be using the study guide "*Angels: Who They Are and How They Help*" by Dr. David Jeremiah.



Over the years there have been many secular and religious books about Angels which are mentioned 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament. He reveals ungrounded notions and presents the truth from the Biblical record about Angels.

Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or by calling the Church Office (480) 895-8766. Bring your favorite image of an Angel!

THRIVING IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE



Join several inspirational speakers including Benjamin Surmi, who is a Social Gerontologist, in a seminar that focuses on thriving in the second half of life. Along with Bart & Cris Evans, Sheryl Keeme and Melva Edwards! Come learn ways to make living well possible at any age!

The event will take place Tuesday, **October 22nd** from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Tickets are available in the Church Office for \$20 per ticket. A catered lunch is included!

HALE THEATRE

Get into the holiday spirit

with Holiday Inn, the classic musical inspired by the beloved film starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Set at a charming inn that only opens on holidays, this heartwarming tale follows a singer who teams up with a talented dancer to put on spectacular shows

for each festive occasion. Filled with toe-tapping Irving Berlin tunes, dazzling dance numbers, and timeless romance, Holiday Inn is a joyous celebration of love, friendship, and the magic of the holiday season.



Tickets On Sale!

\$42 each *First Come First Serve*

Please sign up with the Church Office: (480) 895-8766 Or with Christy Johnson

Showing is on Friday, **Nov. 1st** at 4:00pm

DINNER GROUPS



Mark your calendars for the Dinner Groups that will begin in October and end in November. There will be a sign up sheet in Lindsay Hall (and the Church Office) to get your name in a group!

There will be 8 people per group and the dinners will vary between eating out and in. If you are open to host at your home, please let indicate that when signing up.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Fletcher (641) 777-0284 or the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

BOOKS FROM OUR LIBRARY

These are some of the books currently on display in the library:

- God's Gift by Dee Henderson
- Women of the Ark by Evelyn Minshull
- A Closer Walk by Catherine Marshall
- A Circle of Quiet by Madeleine L'Engle
- The Family Album Edited by Arthur and Nancy De Moss
- Meet the Methodists by Charles L. Allen



NAME BADGES



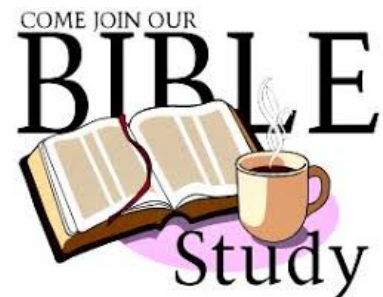
We are still taking orders for new name badges! They are \$10 each to cover a part of the expense.

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!

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.

Study books are available in class. We have a great time with our teachers!

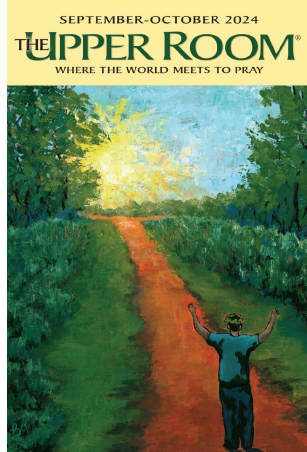


THE UPPER ROOM SEPT - OCT

The Upper Room Daily Devotional for September - October 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!



LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of Robert (Doug) Gear who passed away Saturday, August 31st. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, **October 19th** at 11:00am in the Chapel.



...to the family and friends of Ellen Samuels who passed away Tuesday, September 10th. A memorial service will be held Friday, **October 4th** at 11:00am in the Chapel.

...to Candy Jones, family & friends on the death of her sister, Shari Nichols, who died Tuesday, September 17th.

.....to Sharon Szabo, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Gene Szabo, who died Monday, September 23rd in Michigan.

...to the family and friends of Paul Arnpriester, who passed away on Thursday, September 26th. A memorial service is pending.

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