



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

A Month of Reflection, Celebration, and Connection at Sun Lakes UMC

November is always a busy time in the life of any church, and this is especially true for Sun Lakes United Methodist Church. We began the month with our annual Krafters' Bazaar, which drew over 300 guests. The event showcased the incredible talents within our congregation and brought the community together in support of our health and wellness ministries. On Sunday, we honored and remembered the saints of our church, those cherished members who have passed away and whose legacy of faith continues to inspire us. It was a beautiful time of reflection as we gave thanks for their lives and the ways in which they impacted our community.



Our next special gathering is Veterans' Sunday, where we will pay tribute to our veterans, including a time of worship and a ceremony outside at the Veterans' Circle immediately following the service. This observance gives us a moment to honor those who served and sacrificed for our country, and I invite everyone to join in this meaningful tribute.

Following these commemorations, we will hold our annual Church Conference on **Monday, November 18th at 11 a.m. in the Chapel**. This gathering offers a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the efforts of our leaders, and prepare for the year ahead. We will also introduce some new opportunities for members to engage in ministry, reflecting our ongoing commitment to creating a vibrant, supportive church community. In addition to the core committees that sustain our church (Church Council, Trustees, Finance and Staff-Parish Relations), I invite you to consider participating in the following teams:

Communications and Public Relations Team:

This team will tell the story of Sun Lakes UMC through articles, photographs, social media, and more. If you have a background in journalism, photography, or public relations—or simply a desire to help connect people—your talents would be a wonderful addition! The team will meet quarterly to plan coverage of upcoming events and initiatives at SLUMC.

Worship Arts Team:

Worship Arts is a team that seeks to enhance the worship experience through creative expression, helping everyone connect with God in unique and meaningful ways. This group includes visual arts, audio, music, Holy Communion, and the whole worship experience from the moment a person enters the narthex (lobby). Whether you are interested in seasonal worship decorations, music, or simply have a heart for creating sacred spaces, we welcome your involvement!

Health and Wellness Team:

As we look toward 2025, we're committed to promoting holistic wellness for our congregation, encompassing physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. This team will create opportunities for health education and wellness activities. If you're a retired physician, nurse, or have a passion for wellness, we invite you to join us in making health a focal point of our church life.

We have other teams with which you can get involved also: History and Archives, Legacy Giving, Endowment, Memorial Gardens, Veterans' Circle of Honor, Church and Society, Small Group and Education, Fine Arts, the Library, Missions, Stephen Ministry, Hospitality, the Krafters, Singles Caring for Singles, Prayer and Care, Men's Groups, United Women in Faith, and the recently-formed Sunshine Committee. If you want more information about this or any other area of ministry, I hope you will contact the office so that you can get connected.

Our goal for 2025, which will be introduced as the **Ministry Plan for 2025**, is **EPIC** – Every Person in Connection.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Church Conference, where we will

gather to pray, reflect, and prepare for an exciting future together. As always, your presence and participation are a testament to the unity and dedication of our Sun Lakes UMC family. Together, we continue to live out our calling as a beacon of hope, with unconditional love and acceptance for all persons.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jen

GREEN PLEDGE CARD ENVELOPES



Thank you to those of you who have already picked up your stewardship letters! You will notice that we provided an envelope inside if you wish to mail your commitment card back to us.

HOWEVER for the GREEN PLEDGE CARDS, you will need to either pick up an envelope at church on the next 2 Sundays or provide your own at home. You will need to address the envelope to yourself, then seal your pledge card in the envelope to bring on Consecration Sunday, November 17th.

The staff do not see your pledge card – that is your commitment with God! We will hold onto your pledge cards for 2025 and mail them back to you in November of next year (2025).

If you don't provide a mailing address on the envelope with your pledge card, we will not be able to mail it back to you.

Your commitments enable church to happen. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

From the Stewardship Committee

HONORING HARRY HISE'S CONTINUED SERVICE

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that we announce Harry's resignation from the Counting Team after many years of faithful service. His commitment to ensuring that the financial gifts entrusted to Sun Lakes UMC were managed with care and accuracy has

been a true blessing to our congregation. Though his presence is greatly missed by his fellow counters, Harry's ministry here at the church continues in meaningful and impactful ways.

If you've visited on a Sunday, you've likely been greeted by Harry's warm smile at one of the sanctuary doors. His joyful spirit and welcoming presence are an integral part of our Sunday worship experience. Beyond greeting, Harry's heart for missions shines brightly. Just this week, he was spotted organizing supplies for our hygiene packing event, always stepping in to help where needed.

Harry's example reminds us that there are many ways to serve, and though roles may change, the call to ministry continues. We are so thankful for his ongoing dedication to the work of Christ through Sun Lakes UMC and look forward to seeing how his servant's heart will continue to bless this community.



Thank you, Harry, for all you do!

MEMBERS



Become Part of Our Church Family

"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!

NOV. 2024 WORSHIP SERIES



COME FIND OUT WHY

November Sermon Series

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

November 10 - *Love by Serving* - Hebrews 10:19-25

November 17 - *Love by Giving* - Romans 12:3-8

November 24 - *Love by Sharing* - Acts 4:32-35

And Jesus said, Love One Another...

VETERANS CIRCLE OF HONOR



A quotable quote from British philosopher and writer, G.K. Chesterson: "*The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.*" Americans cherish the concept of liberty and all that it represents. The spirit of the American Revolution lives within most of us, yet we sometimes forget the patriots that guarantee the freedoms we enjoy today.

This Veterans Day, November 11th, a grateful Nation gives thanks to those who are currently serving in the United States Military, and to those who

have served our Country and Flag in the past. May God shed his perpetual light on our Country and its veterans.

FROM THE KRAFTERS

Dear Sun Lakes United Methodist Church,

Thank you ALL for the support you have shown us this year getting ready for our annual Bazaar! Your hard work and donations were very much appreciated and loved.

We had such a successful Bazaar this year and cannot wait to get started for next year! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

Love,
The Krafters



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.

DO UNTO OTHERS T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

For a limited time (and quantity), "Do Unto Others" T-shirts will be for sale for \$10 each! You can purchase your t-shirt in the Church Office Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm.

There are limited quantities of sizes, so get

yours today!



MISSIONS TEAM THANKSGIVING BOX NEEDS



Stores are already displaying stuffing mix and cranberry sauce so it must be time to get ready for Thanksgiving. Your Missions Team will be assembling 80 dinners again this year for distribution to folks in need at Hamilton High School. Bring stuff anytime to the church and place in the red wagons.

Canned sweet potatoes/yams
Gravy mix (package)
Canned veggies (regular cut corn and green beans)
Instant mashed potatoes
Cranberry sauce

Stuffing mix

Extras We like to provide enough for an extra meal or two:

Mac & Cheese
Beans--any kind
Cereal (12 to 15oz size preferred)
Peanut butter (small jars)
Soup--hearty kinds

The team provides a turkey, pie and loaf of bread.

Many thanks for your support!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE 2024



All-Church Conference Monday, November 18 11 AM in the Chapel

This annual gathering is an important time for us to reflect on the year's accomplishments, plan for the future, and conduct essential church business.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

Christian Fellowship Circle is hosting a Fundraiser at Floridino's Italian Restaurant (590 N Alma School Rd UNIT 35) where 100% of our proceeds will go to our local mission giving projects!

Our first one will be Child Crisis AZ this Christmas!



Just eat at Floridino's (dine in or carry out) Thursday, **November 7th** between 4:00 and 8:00pm. You must tell the waiter that you are supporting us and give them our code name: Fellowship. Floridino's will generously give us 20% of the sales that night. So, get some friends together and forget about cooking that night!! Hope to see you there!

SOLA'S NEXT LUNCH OUTING

The SOLA (Single Or Living Alone) will be meeting for lunch at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant on Friday, **November 8th** at 11:30am. The address is:



4210 S. Arizona Rd, Chandler.
Don't forget to sign up and bring a friend!

Ride sharing available upon request!

Call the church office (480) 895-8766 to sign up or
sign up in Lindsay Hall!

MANAGING THE HOLIDAYS: GRIEF SUPPORT

We are pleased to announce a new support group aimed at helping those who are navigating grief during the holiday season. The group will meet every Tuesday from November 12 through December 17, from 10:00am - 11:30am in Room 4 of the Education Building.



The holiday season can be a challenging time for individuals who are experiencing loss. This six-week group provides a compassionate and supportive environment where participants can share their grief journey with others, receive emotional support, and gain practical tools to manage the unique challenges of the holidays.

Each session is designed to help participants explore their feelings, find comfort in shared experiences, and discover ways to honor their loved ones during the holiday season.

Please sign up with the Church Office (480) 895-8766 or in Lindsay Hall.

TNT IN NOVEMBER



We are excited to invite you to an enchanting evening as we celebrate Veterans Day and the start of the holiday season on **November 12th**. Join us for a delightful performance by the *Desert Valley Winds Concert Brass Band*, an ensemble of talented musicians from across the Phoenix metro area.

Founded in October 2022, Desert Valley Winds is a non-profit community concert band dedicated to bringing the joy of music to our communities. They offer a lively mix of patriotic tunes, show tunes, movie scores, marches, and classic concert music, all designed to entertain and inspire.

Come and experience why the Desert Valley Winds have been called "The Most Entertaining Band in the Valley"! This promises to be a fun-filled evening for all.

A light meal will be served at 5:00pm with the band starting at 5:30pm. Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or call the Church office at (480) 895-8766.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



If you have trouble hearing on your cell phone, don't miss the HLAA chapter meeting on **November 14th** from 12:45-2:30 in Room 1 of the Education Building. Matt Goncalves of InnoCaption will tell us about the FREE mobile app that provides real time captioning for cell phone calls!

Contact rontallman1@gmail.com or rozseibold@gmail.com with any questions.

HALE THEATRE IN DECEMBER



"At the Hale Theater, A Christmas Carol continues its cherished tradition of enchanting audiences with the timeless tale of redemption and compassion.

Join us once again as we bring to life Charles Dickens' classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly old man whose heart is transformed by the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Filled with unforgettable characters, haunting melodies, and heartwarming moments, this beloved production is a holiday tradition that reminds us all of the power of love and redemption."

The prices are \$42 per ticket and is First Come First Serve. The showing is on Friday, December 6th at 2:00 pm.

For tickets, please contact Christy Johnson!

SAVE THE DATE!

Showtune Productions is hosting a series of Sunday concerts starting in January 2025.

On Sunday, **January 5th**, they are performing "Best of Broadway" where the greatest hits from Broadway featuring powerhouse vocalists and a live 10-piece orchestra.



Tickets will go on sale for \$25 each starting Monday, December 2nd in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

BOOKS FROM OUR LIBRARY



Some books for this week:

- Life Goes On by Phillip Gulley
 - Holding Heaven by Jerry B. Jenkins
 - Incarnation by Adam Hamilton
 - Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart by Gordon Livingston, M.D.
 - The Red House Mystery by A.A. Milne
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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.

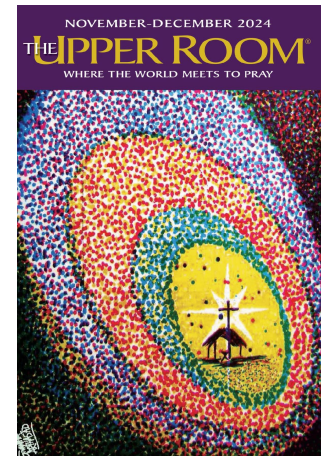
Study books are available in class. We have a great time with our teachers!

THE UPPER ROOM NOV - DEC

The Upper Room Devotionals for November and December are running a tad behind with their delivery.

We are expected to receive them in the next 2 weeks.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



.....to the family and friends of Zelma Rote who passed away Saturday, October 19th. A memorial service is still pending.

...to the family and friends of Gordon Roen who passed away Wednesday, October 16th. A memorial service is still pending.

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