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FROM THE PASTOR

Activities Abound at Sun Lakes UMC

As we enter November, there's a vibrant energy around our church community, and I'm excited to share the upcoming events that are sure to engage us in celebration, remembrance, and generosity.

First, a big thank you to everyone who participated in our **first annual Homecoming Celebration** yesterday! Over 170 people gathered in Lindsay Hall for a delicious brunch provided by Ed's Catering. A special shout-out to the **Sunshine Committee** for helping create such a festive atmosphere and serving the meal with joy and care. It was a wonderful way to welcome back many of our snowbirds and kick off the busy season with fellowship and gratitude.



Next, **Stewardship season** is here, and you'll find the "I Love My Church"

materials available this Sunday. These materials provide opportunities to reflect on how we can continue to support the mission and ministries of Sun Lakes UMC. Stewardship is a beautiful way to express our gratitude to God for the blessings in our lives by giving back. Let's take this opportunity to invest in the future of our church and its ongoing impact in the community.

Don't forget the **Krafters' Annual Bazaar** on **Saturday, November 2**. This wonderful tradition marks 30 years of craftsmanship and fellowship! Our Krafters have been hard at work creating beautiful handmade items perfect for holiday gifting, alongside delicious baked goods and jewelry. Proceeds will go toward supporting our many ministries, including health and wellness. Invite your friends and neighbors to experience the warmth and creativity of Sun Lakes UMC, all while supporting a good cause.

On **Sunday, November 3**, we will gather for **All Saints Sunday**. This is a sacred time to honor and remember those who have gone before us, especially those we have lost over the past year. It's a powerful reminder of the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us and the hope we have in the resurrection. I invite you to join us for this meaningful service of remembrance and to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

The following Sunday, **November 10**, we will celebrate **Veterans Recognition Sunday**. It's a special time to honor and recognize the veterans in our congregation and community for their service. We are grateful for the sacrifices made by those who have served in our armed forces, and this Sunday will be a meaningful tribute to their dedication and bravery.

Remember to mark your calendars for the **All-Church Conference** on **Monday, November 18**. 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. I encourage everyone to participate as we seek God's guidance for our church's path forward.

November is full of opportunities to come together, whether in stewardship, service, or solemn remembrance. I look forward to seeing you in church as we continue to live out our faith together in this season of gratitude and community.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jen

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In recent weeks, a group identifying themselves as the Watchmen has appeared at a local United Methodist church, causing significant disruptions. They attempted to confront the pastor before worship and promote their agenda of a "return to biblical Christianity,"



including a claim that women should not be allowed to speak in worship. They were disruptive to the point that the police were called. We ask all members of the congregation, especially our ushers and greeters, to be vigilant.

If anyone attempts to approach or approaches the pastor in a disruptive manner before worship (loud voices, disrespectful language, etc.), please notify the sheriff's office immediately and escort the individuals from the sanctuary. For those wishing to speak more in-depth with the pastor, please encourage them to call the church office to make an appointment, allowing the pastor to honor their needs fully and without disruption. Thank you for your awareness and commitment to maintaining a peaceful and respectful space for all.

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!



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

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!

BAZAAR BAKE SALE CONTRIBUTIONS



Calling all Sun Lakes UMC Bakers! Please put on your aprons and contribute to the Bake Sale which will be held on **November 2nd** as part of the Krafters Bazaar.

Packaging containers will be available for pickup in the Narthex on Sunday, October 27th following service.

Items we are selling are cakes, cookies, pies, breads, candies, snacks and more!

Thank you so much!
-The Krafters

KRAFTERS ANNUAL BAZAAR

Do not miss The Krafters annual bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, **November 2nd**, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Lindsay Hall.

The bazaar will include a variety of Fall and Christmas décor, including placemats, napkins, table runners, wall hangings, wreaths, centerpieces, and doll clothes and shoes made to fit an 18-inch doll.

In addition, we have a fabulous assortment of vintage jewelry for sale. Also available will be an assortment of homemade baked goodies.

Credit cards are accepted for a purchases of \$25.00 or more. For more information call the Church Office at (480) 895-8766.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE 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.

BOOKS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Here are some more books on display:

- Between Sundays by Karen Kingsbury
- Stories of the Hearth and Home by Dr. James Dobson
- The Power to Heal by Francis MacNutt
- Arizona Territorial Sampler by Melissa Ruffner with Budge Ruffner
- A Song Flung up to Heaven by Maya Angelou

We also have over 10 books from the Chicken Soup for the Soul series on display



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!

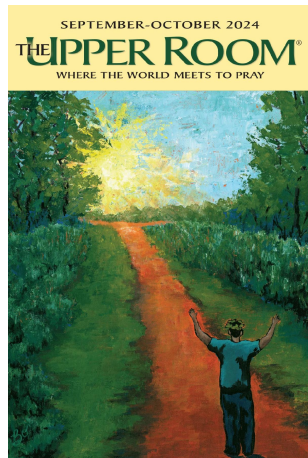
COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY

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 Zelma Rote who passed away Saturday, October 19th. A memorial service is still pending.



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