



# Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**



Friends,

The Significance of Music at Sun Lakes UMC Music is at the heart of our worship and fellowship, lifting our spirits and deepening our connection with God.

This season, we are thrilled to share the following events:

- **Cantata Sunday:** This was a magnificent worship experience filled with inspiring choral music that resonated through our sanctuary. What a gift it was to have the choir join with an orchestra to bring us "A

Weary World Rejoices." People are still talking about how moving this experience was for them. Please be sure to thank Cris Evans, Mary Sievert, Bart Evans, and the choir for the countless hours they gave to

make worship so memorable!

- **Sun Bells** Performance: Tonight, enjoy the beautiful tones of handbell music as the Sun Bells fill the air with their joyful melodies. Dinner is at 5 pm in Lindsay Hall, and the performance begins at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Sun Lakes Chorale**: On Thursday night at 7 pm, don't miss the exquisite harmonies of this talented group as they showcase their artistry and passion. Tickets are \$10 and available in the office.

We won't stop the music -- start the new year with the timeless magic of Broadway! On **Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 3:00 PM**, Sun Lakes UMC will host a spectacular concert celebrating the *Best of Broadway*. This unforgettable performance promises to transport you to the stages of New York City, featuring songs you know and love from classic and contemporary musicals.

Whether you're a lifelong Broadway enthusiast or simply love great music, this concert will have something for everyone. From the powerful ballads to the toe-tapping showstoppers, these iconic melodies are sure to inspire, entertain, and leave you humming long after the final applause.

### **Why You Shouldn't Miss It:**

1. **Unparalleled Talent**: Featuring professional vocalists and musicians who bring Broadway hits to life with passion and precision.
2. **A Community Celebration**: Share this joyous experience with neighbors and friends, creating lasting memories together.
3. **Support a Great Cause**: Ticket sales help fund the ongoing music ministry and community outreach at Sun Lakes UMC.

### **Details:**

- **When**: Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 3:00 PM
- **Where**: Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
- **Tickets**: \$25 each. Available at the church office or after worship on Sunday.

Seating is limited, so secure your tickets soon! Invite your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of Broadway brilliance. Let's fill the sanctuary with music, joy, and community as we kick off 2025 together.

### **Act Now!**

Purchase your tickets today and ensure you don't miss out on this extraordinary musical event. Experience the *Best of Broadway*—right here at Sun Lakes UMC!

Music has a unique way of bringing us closer to God and to one another, creating memories that resonate far beyond the moment. At Sun Lakes UMC, our music ministry continues to bless and inspire us with its beauty and power. As we celebrate the season with these incredible events and look forward to the new year, we are reminded of the joy, unity, and hope that music brings to our lives. Let's continue to lift our voices and hearts together in praise and fellowship. See you at the next concert—and always, in worship!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen

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## 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!

Become Part of Our Church Family



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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 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.

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## DECEMBER FINANCE UPDATE

Hello Church,

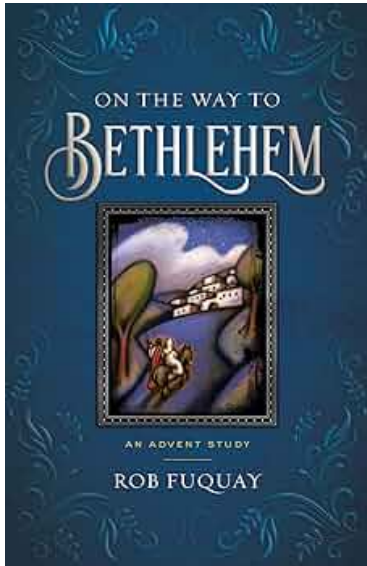
Here is a break down from our December 8th service:

In-Person Attendance: 338  
Week's Offering: \$14,939.00  
December Giving: \$35,550.50  
Dec Monthly Budget Needs: \$79,403.00

Your continual generosity of tithing is so appreciated! Make a great day!



## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 2024



This season, our Advent study will take us on a journey through Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem. Together, we will discover and rediscover Jesus in new and profound ways. Each place in "On the Way to Bethlehem" will offer a reflection to prepare our hearts and souls for the wonder, awe, mystery, and joy that culminate with the birth of Jesus.

"On the Way to Bethlehem," an Advent study by Rev. Rob Fuquay, can be purchased from your favorite bookseller or through the office for \$15.

We will offer this study at 3 different times:

- Tuesdays at 9:30 am (December 3, 10, and 17) in Room 1 with Pastor Jen
- Wednesdays at 1 pm (December 4, 11 and 18) in Room 4 with Pastor Jen
- Thursdays at noon (December 5, 12 and 19) in Room 4 with Cathy Smoot

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

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## SOLA CHRISTMAS TREAT POTLUCK

If you are Single Or Living Alone, please join us for a Christmas Treat Potluck! It will be on Wednesday, **December 11th** at 11:00am in Lindsay Hall. Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share, and a friend!!

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



## SUN LAKES CHRISTMAS CHORALE CONCERT

Mark your calendar!

The Sun Lakes Chorale will perform their annual holiday concert on Thursday, **December 12th** at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in the Church Office Monday-Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm.



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## UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

It's time for the Annual Christmas Luncheon, on **December 13** at 12:00pm in Lindsay Hall sponsored by the United Women in Faith.

The ticket price (\$20) includes a three-course catered meal and entertainment by "Come Back Buddy," toe-tapping music featuring Buddy Holly songs.

Holly's style was influenced by gospel music, country music, and rhythm and blues. Take a break from the hustle and bustle to celebrate the holiday season!

Tickets are available in the Church Office.



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## UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES



As Christmas quickly approaches, we want to let everyone know of the upcoming Church Office dates we will be closed.

We will be closed:

**December 24th - December 27th**  
**December 31st (At Noon) - January 1st**

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## **CHRISMONS AND THEIR MEANINGS**



*Chrismons were first developed by Frances Kipps Spencer in 1957 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Danville, Va. Spencer thought that the traditional, brightly colored Christmas ornaments were not fitting for a worship setting, so she started thinking about a way to reflect the Christian faith through ornaments.*

*The word chrismon comes from the words "Christ and monogram". Many of the symbols represent Christ and were used by early Christians 2,000 years ago. In those days, people were often illiterate, so symbols were used to communicate the key ideas of the Christian faith.*

A pamphlet is available on Sunday mornings that will have a picture of each chrismon and its meaning. Grab yours before service to be able to go through and look at the beautiful ornaments on the tree!

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## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

We are still looking for an office volunteer for Wednesdays from 12:00pm - 3:00pm.

The office tasks include answering the phones with any questions people may inquire about, miscellaneous tasks at a desk and help those who come in the office.

Please call Lauren at (480) 895-8766 if this sounds like something you'd like to do!



# NAME BADGES



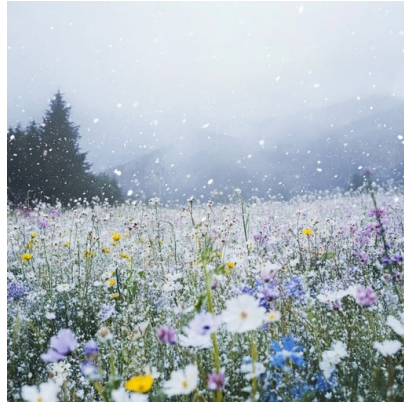
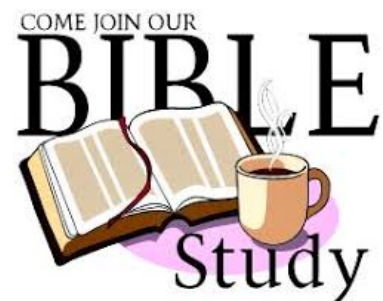
We are still taking orders for new name badges! They are \$10 each to cover a part of the expense.

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!



...to the family and friends of Ron Wasko, who died Tuesday, November 26. Memorial information is pending.

...We are saddened to share the news that Howard Jenne, former SLUMC member, has passed away. The family resides in Oklahoma.

...to the family and friends of Joan Sinclair, who died Saturday, December 7. A private family service will be held in January 2025.

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