



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

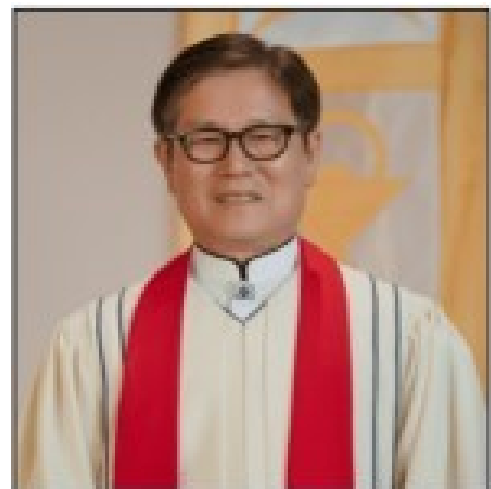
Sun Lakes, Arizona

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FROM PASTOR CHAN

I spent my childhood during a difficult time, about ten years after the Korean War. At the age of ten, I attended a Vacation Bible School at a local Methodist church and became a Methodist. In my sophomore year of college, I had a life-changing experience when I encountered Jesus personally, and my life turned 180 degrees. While living through the social upheaval of Korea in the 1980s under military dictatorship, I received my pastoral calling while reading the works of the Reformation theologian Martin Luther.



After completing my M.Div. at Seoul Methodist Theological Seminary, I moved to California, USA, where I studied Religious Education and Liberation Theology at Claremont School of Theology. In 1999, I started a new church with about 20 members in Mesa, Arizona, and devoted over 20 years to spreading the gospel.

I live in Ahwatukee with my wife, Yungmee, who is an artist. We have a daughter, Rebecca, her husband, Isaac, and a son, Soohwan. A family trip to Spain and Italy this past July reminded me of how precious family is and how much I rely on my daughter and son-in-law. I enjoy reading novels, and recently, I have been reading works by George Orwell and the 2024 Nobel Prize-winning Korean author Han Kang. I also enjoy selecting quality Netflix movies and dramas to watch. Every Tuesday, I take classical guitar lessons, fulfilling a long-held dream of playing an instrument. The small vegetable garden in my backyard provides me with simple labor and a sense of excitement, creating a beautiful space for me. I have hiked the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim over ten times, and after sufficient preparation, I plan to challenge myself again next October.

Last February, while working part-time, I passed by Sun Lakes UMC every morning. Each time I passed by, I became curious about the church and thought, "It would be wonderful to work here." When I received the appointment email from the district superintendent, I was overjoyed and couldn't contain my excitement. I've been looking forward to meeting you all. I will work hard to assist Pastor Jennifer and serve you with dedication.

Thank you,
Pastor Chan

FROM THE PASTOR



Friends,

On Sunday morning, I shared what it costs to run the church on a daily basis. You know that this church functions 7 days/week, offering countless ministry opportunities and community opportunities to hundreds of individuals. Our current daily operating expense is \$2610 (I underestimated the cost in my announcement). This includes utilities, staff, building upkeep and materials such as coffee and copy machines. We don't want to stop doing this good work!

Consider this: if everyone who attended in person on Sunday morning (275) gave one day of operating expenses, we would receive \$717,750 in offerings. If we also included the online attendance of 278 people and all those individuals also gave (553 people total), we would receive \$1,443,330. Our annual budget is approximately \$1 million. *Can you imagine the good we could do in the world with \$400,000 to give in missions and STILL offer all of the amazing opportunities as a 7 days/week church?!*

Thank you for the many ways you already give generously with your time and resources. Help us continue to be a beacon of hope through unconditional love and acceptance!

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!



NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



On December 7th, we remember and honor 2,403 service members and civilians who lost their lives in the defense of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On a Sunday morning eighty-three years ago, the U.S. Pacific Fleet, anchored in Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Within hours of the bombing, Canada declared war on Japan. The following

day, in a speech to Congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt termed the attack "a date which will live in infamy" leading the United States entry into World War II.

Flags in the Veterans Circle of Honor will fly at half staff from sunrise to sunset in remembrance of that fateful day.

-Veterans Circle of Honor Committee

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.

DECEMBER FINANCE UPDATE

Hello Church,

Here is a break down from our December 1st service:

In-Person Attendance: 275
Week's Offering: \$20,611.50
December Giving: \$20,611.50
Dec Monthly Budget Needs: \$79,403.00

Thanks for your generous tithing and support!

-Candy Jones, Finance Chair



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

It's almost Here!! The most important fundraiser of the year, the famous Christmas "Cookie Walk," is next Saturday, **December 7**, at 9:00 a.m. at Lindsay Hall!



Doors will open promptly at 9:00 a.m. Those who come early and are waiting in line will be served coffee and broken cookies. This year's price will be \$20 for all you can fit into an extra large carry-out container.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate cookies or candy. We love you and can't do this without you!! Please bring your donations to Lindsay Hall next Friday morning after 8:00 a.m.

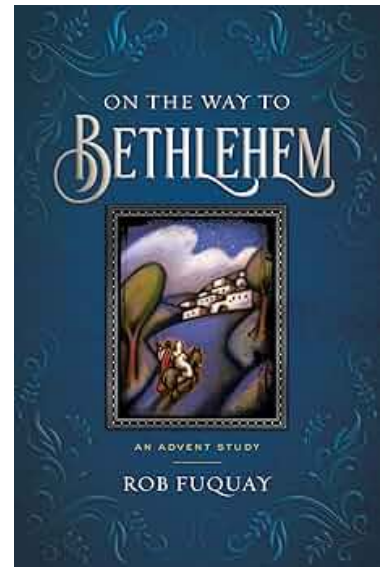
If you are helping with setup on Friday, please come to Lindsay Hall at 8:00 a.m. If you are helping with the sale on Saturday, please arrive at 7:30 a.m. and use the garden entrance door.

There will be no Unit Meeting of United Women of Faith in December. Instead, please sign up for the Annual Christmas Luncheon to be held in Lindsay Hall on **December 13** at 12:00 p.m.

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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sun Lakes United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Presents a Cantata for Christmas

"A Weary World Rejoices"

By: Joseph M. Martin

Conducted by Music Director Cris Evans

Sunday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

With Chancel Choir

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DINNER GROUPS CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



If you are a part of the Dinner Groups that meet monthly, join us for a Christmas Potluck Dinner!

On Sunday, **December 8th** at 4:00pm in Lindsay Hall, there will be Chicken fingers and biscuits (from Chick-Fil-A!). Sign up to bring a side of your choosing.

Sign up sheets will be located in Lindsay Hall or by calling the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

TNT IN DECEMBER



Join us on Tuesday, **December 10th**, for a break from the holiday hustle to enjoy the rich, uplifting tones of the handbells and a chance to connect with others in the community. This joyous evening of music and camaraderie is designed to add warmth and brightness to your holiday season. This gathering begins at 5:00pm in Lindsay Hall.

Attendees will enjoy a light meal accompanied by a goodwill offering, followed by a captivating handbell concert performed by the *Sun Lakes United Methodist Church Sun Bells*, a skilled 15-member choir. The concert will take place in the church Sanctuary at 5:45 PM.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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!!



Sing 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.

UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

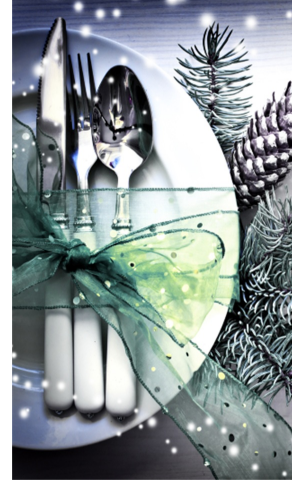
It's time for the Annual Christmas Luncheon, on **December 13** at 12:00pm in Lindsay Hall sponsored by the United Women in Faith.

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 will be on sale after the worship service on Sunday, November 24, December 1, and December 8. You may also purchase them in the Church Office with a deadline of December 9.



TREMBLE CLEFS HOLIDAY CONCERT



Join the Sun Lakes Tremble Clefs on Thursday, **December 5th** at 11:00am in the Chapel for an enchanting holiday concert that promises to lift your spirits and fill your heart with joy! Experience the true magic of the season as our Tremble Clef singers and Mutsumi More perform your favorite holiday classics in

a festive atmosphere. Bring a friend!

There will also be gift baskets for silent auction to browse, just in case you are in the holiday shopping mood. All proceeds go to Tremble Clefs of Arizona, 501c3. Hope to see you there!

HLAA NEWS

If you're not familiar with Diamond Dogz, don't miss the HLAA chapter meeting on **December 12th** from 12:45-2:30 in Room 1 in the Education Building.



Diamond Dogz founder, Kristi Nolde-Morrissey, will share how this nonprofit organization helps to provide hard of hearing people with greater independence, increased safety and more confidence.

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

THANKSGIVING PACKING SUCCESS



A picture worth a thousand words.

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

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 will be available on Sunday 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!

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.

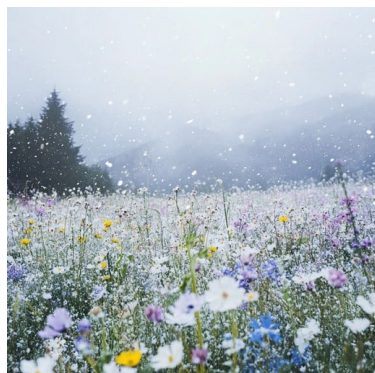
Study books are available in class. We have a great time with our teachers!

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-By Cora Levensky in Memory of Paul R. Lathom.



LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...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.

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