



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
Sun Lakes, Arizona

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NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Introducing Our New Music Director: Marlynn Rey

I am delighted to announce that our Staff-Parish Relations Committee has employed a new Music Director! Sun Lakes United Methodist Church will welcome **Marlynn Rey** in March. With a rich background in piano performance, choral leadership, and worship planning, Marlynn brings decades of experience and a deep passion for sacred music to our congregation.

Originally from Canada, Marlynn holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music (with highest honors) from Canadian Bible College,

where she majored in piano and studied composition under acclaimed Canadian composer David McIntyre. She also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies, providing a strong foundation for her lifelong commitment to church music ministry.

Marlynn's career spans a remarkable range of musical leadership, from serving as the Traditional Service Director at Sun Valley Community Church in Tempe to leading choirs and worship teams across Canada, the U.S., and Europe. She has developed choral programs for churches, schools, and even Carnegie Hall in New York City, where she worked as a program developer. Most recently, she served as the Interim Music Minister at Living Faith Anglican Church in Tempe. In addition to her church music experience, Marlynn is a published composer with Pavane Publishing, further showcasing her dedication to the creative and worshipful power of music.



Beyond her impressive credentials, Marlynn is known for her heart for worship, her ability to bring people together in song, and her enthusiasm for creating meaningful and uplifting musical experiences. As she steps into this new role at Sun Lakes UMC, she looks forward to leading our choir, collaborating with our musicians, and enriching our worship life through music.

Marlynn will be with the choir on Wednesday, March 5th and in worship on Sunday, March 9th. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Marlynn! We invite you to introduce yourself, share your love of music with her, and be part of this exciting new chapter in our church's music ministry.

See you in church!

Pastor Jennifer

LAST OF THE CONCERT SERIES

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

STARRING

**KAITLYNN BLUTH
KRISTEN DRATHMAN**

**JORDAN BLUTH
ROB WATSON**



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 3:00PM

Featuring *Flashdance*, *Dirty Dancing*, *9-5*, *James Bond*, *Singing in the Rain*, *Stayin' Alive*, *Grease*, *The Lion King* and songs from Adele, Kenny Loggins, Lady Gaga, Patrick Swayze, Dolly Parton, Barbra Streisand, Doris Day & Judy Garland!

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The Neil Diamond tribute was nothing short of pure entertainment! Our last concert of the series will be on Sunday, **March 2nd** at 3:00pm in the

Sanctuary. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of music through the decades!

Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm or following the services on Sunday. Tickets are \$25 each.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNITED METHODIST



Some of you come from backgrounds other than United Methodist while others of you have been lifelong United Methodists. I recently found this free course and I would encourage anyone to take this:

[What it Means to Be United Methodist - Overview | Rise 360](#)

I found it to be very helpful and pray you will find it useful as well!

Pastor Jen

FEBRUARY 23RD GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

Church,

[Here is the Giving and Attendance Report for February 23rd:](#)

Attendance: 282
YouTube Watchers: 104.4
Week's Offering: \$14,625.00

February Month To Date Giving:
\$108,683.59
February Monthly Budget Needs:
\$99,161.79



PASTORAL "DROP-IN" HOURS



Have you been waiting to have an one-on-one with the Pastors? The opportunity has arrived! There are now Drop-In visitation times where you can stop by for prayer, support, or simply share a conversation with the Pastor!

Pastor Jennifer is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Pastor Chan is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

We hope this availability will strengthen connections within our church community and make it easier for everyone to access the pastoral care they need. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to serve together in ministry!

HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE



We will celebrate Holy Communion together this Sunday and as we do so, we will use the newly engraved chalice given in memory of Del Thomas' husband, William Thomas.

Along the bottom of the chalice, there is a depiction of the Last Supper.

TAI CHI COMING TO SUN LAKES UMC

We're excited to announce a new offering based on community feedback! Beginning Monday, **March 3rd**, we will offer a Tai Chi class on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. This 30-minute class will take place just before Ila's regular exercise class and will run for five weeks.

Tai Chi is a gentle practice that promotes balance, flexibility, and mindfulness. It's a wonderful way to start your day feeling refreshed and centered. The cost for the 5-week session is \$25, payable on the first day of class. Please note that this fee is nonrefundable and nontransferable.



Space is limited, so mark your calendars and plan to join us!

ASH WEDNESDAY COME & GO SERVICE



Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day that marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and prayer. The ashes symbolize repentance, humility, and death, and the cross shape reminds Christians of Jesus's sacrifice.

Join us on Wednesday, **March 5th** from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the Chapel for the Imposition of Ashes.

LENTEN STUDY COMING IN MARCH

Discover the Good News in the Bible's earliest Gospel in our Lenten study on Mark.

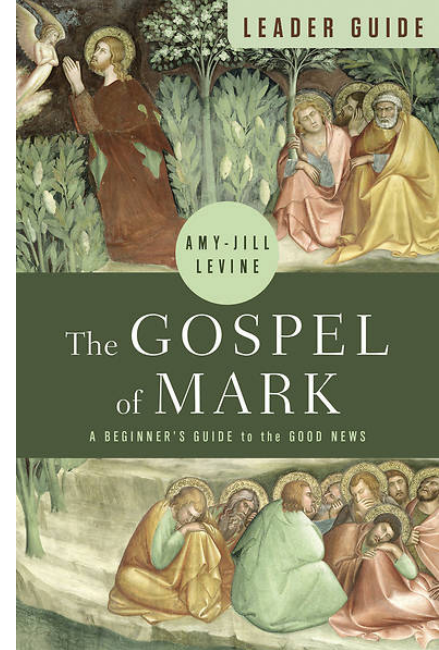
Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus as we study John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message will come alive -- Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious.

You will need your Bible and if you wish to read

along, "The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News" by Amy-Jill Levine. Levine's book can be purchased from your favorite bookseller or through the office for **\$20.00.**

Beginning **March 12**, Wednesdays at 10 am in room 1 with Pastor Jennifer OR **March 13**, Thursdays at noon with Cathy Smoot's Sweet Life Café.

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



TNT IN MARCH



"The Walking Man" is an engaging program presented by Rev. Jim Wood, a retired United Methodist pastor and longtime Sun Lakes resident of 20 years.

Jim begins by reminiscing about his boyhood days, recalling the classic radio programs that once filled the airwaves. From there, he shares personal experiences with walking, highlighting its benefits as a powerful cardio exercise. The program concludes with meaningful biblical verses and hymns related to the theme, all sprinkled with Jim's signature humor.

Join us for TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER (TNT) with a light meal at 5:00/Presentation at 5:30 pm, **March 11** with the laughter and nostalgia as only Jim can do, taking a stroll down memory lane—reminiscing of the old radio days!

It's open to the public at Sun Lakes United Methodist Church's Lindsay Hall, so bring a friend! Sign-up sheets will be located in Lindsay Hall and with the Church Office.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE



In lieu of our March meeting, we will visit the Hope Women's Center in Coolidge (a free resource and referral center for women and teen girls facing any difficult life situation) on **March 17th (not 10th)** to learn where and how our gifts are helping. You will feel inspired, enriched and informed.

Sign up Contact Christy Johnson or e-mail: christysunlakes@gmail.com

Car pool from the church at 9:00 am
Tour @ 10:00

Lunch in Coolidge following tour.

We'll be home plenty early for you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Bring a gift or two to give the center which will be very much appreciated.

Non perishable items: peanut butter, soups, beans, Ramen noodles, cold cereal.

Toiletries: shampoos, conditioner, lotions (small containers), anklet socks for the women.

Other: paper towels, small dish, small bottles of dish soap, laundry pods, children's diapers size 6 pull-ups for young children 4 and 5T, adult Attends large and x-large & regular sized, kleenex, baby wipes

PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

Sunday, **March 2nd** we will have Peanut Butter Sunday! Please bring a jar of peanut butter to the red wagons either in Sanctuary, Lindsay Hall or the Church Office!

This is a nutritional food that is perfect for restoring a vital food source to needy families in the area. All jars are going to be donated to the local schools/agencies!



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!

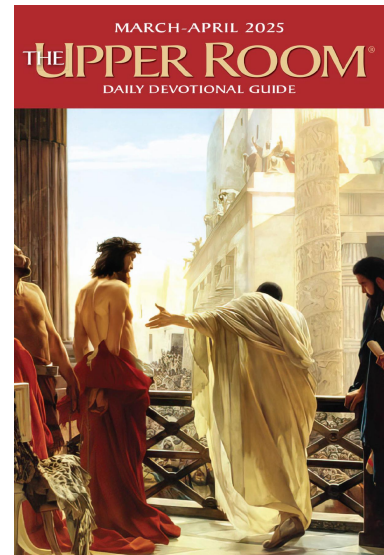


THE UPPER ROOM MARCH - APRIL

The Upper Room Daily Devotional for March - April 2025 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!



SUNDAY 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!

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED 2/24

-By Judy Waters in memory of Bill Waters' birthday.



WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY



...to the family and friends of Newman Benson, who passed away Monday, February 17th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00am in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Lindsay Hall

BOOKS ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY

Here are some books on display in the library:

- Their Mysterious Ways compiled by Phyllis Hobe
- Every Day Deserves A Chance by Max Lucado
- This I Believe Edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman
- Glorious Hope by The Editors of Guideposts
- Nothing like it in the world by Stephen E. Ambrose
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