



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
Sun Lakes, Arizona

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

"Hosanna in the Highest!" – The Power of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday stands at the threshold of Holy Week, inviting us into the most sacred days of the Christian year. It is both a celebration and a challenge. A day of joy and a day of irony. It is the triumphal entry of Jesus—and the beginning of his journey to the cross. On this day, we remember how the crowd welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, laying down cloaks and waving palm branches—a royal reception for the One they hoped would change everything. The image is powerful: Jesus riding on a humble donkey, not a warhorse, not in armor, but as a different kind of king. The branches waved in welcome are not just festive décor; they are signs of resistance and longing. They tell a story.



Palm branches in ancient cultures were symbols of victory and peace. In the Hebrew tradition, palms were also used to celebrate deliverance. So, the crowd's actions were not just spontaneous—they were steeped in tradition, in hope, and in the expectation that *this* was the moment of transformation. *This* was the Messiah they had been waiting for.

And then there's the word they shouted—“**Hosanna!**”

A word we sometimes mistake for “hooray” or “hallelujah,” but it means something much deeper. “Hosanna” is a cry that literally means “*Save us, we pray!*” It's a plea as much as it is a praise.

The people were crying out to Jesus not just in joy, but in desperation. Save us from Roman occupation. Save us from suffering. Save us from the weight of our lives.

It's a word that still resonates today. When we wave our palms on Palm Sunday, we don't just remember what happened—we enter into the very human need to be saved, healed, and made whole. “Hosanna” becomes our prayer, too. Save us, Lord—save our loved ones, save our community, save our world.

Palm Sunday is a threshold moment. It leads us not into a parade, but into a week that holds betrayal, denial, suffering, and ultimately, resurrection. The imagery of the palms and the cry of “Hosanna” prepare our hearts to journey deeply with Jesus in the days ahead—not skipping ahead to Easter but walking slowly through the week that changes everything.

I invite you to be fully present this Holy Week. Start with palms in hand, and a prayer on your lips. Come as you are, with your own Hosanna. Let the symbols speak, let the story unfold, and let Christ meet you along the way.

See you in church!

Pastor Jennifer

APRIL 2025: GENERAL BUDGET OFFERINGS



Church Financial Report

April 6th:

Attendance: 277
YouTube Watchers: 62
Week's Offering: \$24,945.00

Month To Date Giving: \$24,945.00
Monthly Budget Needs: \$79,406.09

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS

We are pleased to inform you that the 2025 first quarter contribution statements have been sent via email. This approach helps us save on postage, printing, and envelope costs. For individuals without an email address in our records, we have mailed hard copies to your home address.



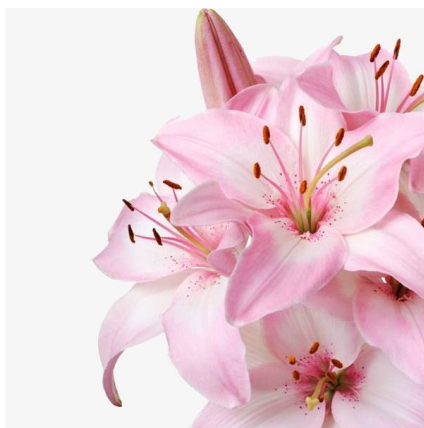
If you have an email address that is not yet in our database, kindly provide it to us so we can update our records.

Thank you for your continued support. Your contributions make a significant impact and help SLUMC remain a Beacon of HOPE.

If you have any questions regarding your first quarter statements, please contact Deanna in the Church Office (480) 895-8766.

-Candy Jones, Financial Secretary

EASTER DONATIONS FOR UMCOR



In lieu of Easter flowers this year, we will send a special gift in honor or memory of your loved one to United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**).

This lasting gift will help to "resurrect" United Methodist churches and support countless families who are rebuilding their lives.

Please fill out the form that can be found in Lindsay Hall, Church Office, and Narthex and return to the Office (Or offering plate) with payment by **Tuesday, April 15th.** The list of honorees and/or memorials will be printed and be available on Easter Sunday. It will also be published in the Kairos after Easter.



NEED FOR HOSPITALITY HOUR COOKIES

Cookies are a big hit during Hospitality Hour! Unfortunately, there is only one Sunday sign-up to bring cookies for the month of May.

If you are interested in making/donating cookies, please sign up in Lindsay Hall with the date that is suitable. Or drop off cookies Monday-Thursday from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the Office or Kitchen.



GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Service

Based on the Gospel of Luke

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April 18 at 4:00 PM
in the Sanctuary

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURE



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, **April 21st** in observance of Easter. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 22nd, from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

BOTTLE CAPS

[Church, A note regarding plastic bottle caps:](#)



Because no one is collecting plastic bottle caps anymore, we have no one to give them to. **Please do NOT bring them to the church anymore-** just put them in your recycling.

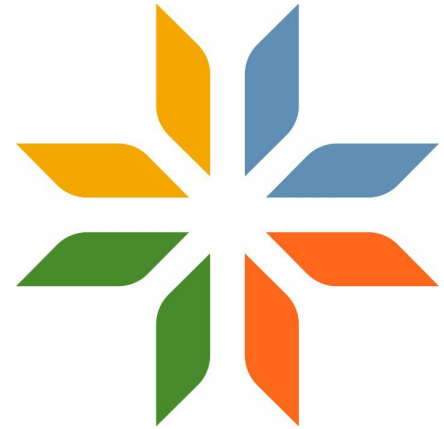
We ARE still collecting the pull tops from cans.

Thank you for your participation in this program.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The April meeting of United Women of Faith will meet on **April 16th** in Lindsay Hall, at 12:00 p.m. (One hour earlier than usual). We will be having a Salad Luncheon Potluck, so please bring one of your favorite salads to share!

The program will be on UMOM presented by Patricia Magyar. The Leadership team will be hosting.



LIVING WELL WITH HEARING LOSS



If you're not familiar with the living well with hearing loss program, don't miss the HLAA chapter meeting on **April 10th** from 12:45-2:30 in Room 1 in the Education Building. Living Well with Hearing Loss means staying connected with family, friends and community despite hearing difficulties. Drs. Rao and Tillery of the

College of Health Services at ASU will describe technology, communication strategies and self-advocacy that can support living well. Contact rontallman1@gmail.com or rozseibold@gmail.com with any questions.

SINGLE OR LIVING ALON

SOLA (Single Or Living Alone) will be hosting a Bingo event!

Come by Friday, **April 25th**, at 11:30am in

Lindsay Hall! Bring a friend and a snack or treat to share!

Sign-Up in Lindsay Hall or with the Church Office.



TAI CHI IN MAY



Join Ila Mackerman on Mondays and Wednesdays starting **May 5th** in Room 10 of the Education Building to learn the art of Tai Chi.

This 5-week class will be hosted **May 5th - June 9th** (there will be no class held on May 26th due to Memorial Day) from 9:30am - 10:00am. The cost is \$25 which is due at the start of the first class.

Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or the Church Office.

TNT SUCCESS



Thank you to all who came last night to Tuesday Nights Together! It was a HUGE turnout with over 100 people who showed up to boogie the night

away with the Desert City Six Band!! We look forward to everyone next month, **May 13th** for BINGO!

CONCERT SERIES



Three Tangos

Newly Published!

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CHORAL

Dame la mano
(Give Me Your Hand)
For SATB voices, piano, violin, and cello
Words by Gabriela Mistral
Music by Marlynn Rey

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(Promise to the Stars)
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Arizona Cantilena Chorale

Marlynn Rey, composer and alto with Arizona Cantilena Chorale

20TH ANNIVERSARY Concert

Hear these and more!

20th Anniversary Concert
Saturday, May 3rd
4:00pm

Dayspring UMC-Tempe
1365 E Elliot Rd, Tempe, AZ 85284

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

If you are already on Facebook, find Sun Lakes United Methodist Church there – like and follow for weekly posts related to worship, events and more!



NAME BADGES



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

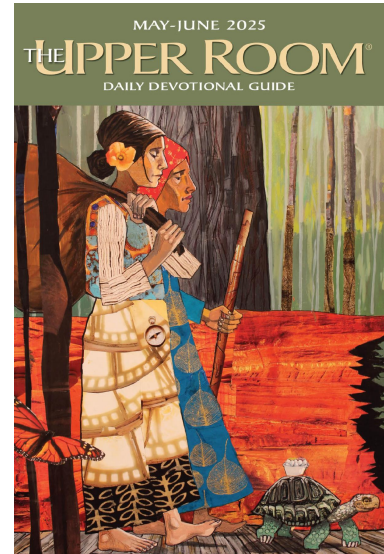
If you'd like to order a name badge, please contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766 and we will place an order for you!

THE UPPER ROOM MAY - JUNE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May - June 2025 is now available in the Church Office Foyer or Lindsay Hall.

Large Print copies are also available.

There are small envelopes located near the Upper Rooms for offering to offset the cost. Thank you for your contributions!



GET THEM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE

THE UPPER ROOM
Disciplines
A BOOK OF DAILY DEVOTIONS 2025

Upper Room
Book of Daily Devotions 2025

On sale for \$20
in the
Church Office

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!

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.



... to the family and friends of Sue Rowlands, who passed away on Friday, March 14th. A small family memorial service will be held in Ohio.

SOME BOOKS THE LIBRARY



Here are a variety of the books which can be found in our library:

- "The Glory of Heaven" by John F. MacArthur
- "Find It Fast in the Bible" by Ken Anderson
- "When Feeling Bad is Good" by Ellen McGrath, Ph.D.
- "The Yellow Brick Road" by William I. Bausch
- "Praying God's Word" by Beth Moore
- "The Simple Life" by Vernard Eller
- "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idleman
- "Miracles" by Karen Kingsbury

CONTAINER PICK-UP

We still have **A LOT** of containers left over. Please pick-up your cookie containers in Lindsay Hall during Hospitality Hour!!



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