



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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FROM THE PASTOR



Help Us Refresh Our Website!

If you've visited our church website recently, you may have noticed it could use a little love! We're in the process of updating staff photos and refreshing the images on our homepage to better reflect the life and energy of Sun Lakes UMC. As we take these steps, we want your input, too.

What do *you* look for when you visit our website? Can you find the information you need easily? Are there things you wish were more visible or accessible?

We'll be hosting a short listening session on **Sunday, August 10th at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor**. Come share your ideas with us—we'd love to

hear what works well and what could be improved. If you can't attend in person, surveys will be available that day so you can still make your voice heard.

Thank you for helping us make our online presence as welcoming and informative as our church family.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jen

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Jenny and Jeffrey Winkler

Jenny and Jeffrey Winkler have called the East Valley home for over 40 years. Jenny, originally from Fostoria, Ohio, moved to Chandler at age eight and is a graduate of Chandler High School and Arizona State University. She works as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Chandler, focusing on water resources, economic development, transportation, and environmental issues.



Jeffrey grew up in Kansas and moved to Arizona in the early 1980s to attend ASU, earning a BA in Broadcasting in 1987. Now retired after a 30+ year career as a COO in event technology, productions, and meeting facilitation, Jeffrey enjoys staying active with sports, exploring, driving and hiking, music, cars, camping, gardening, and home projects.

Together, they have four adult children—three sons and one daughter—and two young grandsons. Both are active in the United Methodist Church: Jenny was confirmed at Chandler UMC in 1979, and Jeffrey, a United Methodist pastor's kid (Rev. Charles E. Winkler), is active at Dayspring UMC, where they met in 2008.

The Winkler's love to travel, especially for birding adventures to places like Africa, Panama, Costa Rica, Belize, and Honduras. They also treasure time spent at their cabin in Heber-Overgaard, particularly during the summer months.

Jim and Carol Redden

Jim and Carol Redden are former members of SLUMC, re-joining after moving back to Sun Lakes after a short stay in the Charlotte NC area. They were high school sweethearts, graduated from



the University of Michigan together, and celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in May.

Following a stint in the Army, they settled in Mesa in 1979, moving to Sun Lakes in 2004. They have three married adult sons and eight grandchildren in Gilbert, Minneapolis, and Charlotte NC.

Jim spent most of his career as an engineer and manager at Motorola. He worked on many US Government projects and served in a senior leadership role on Motorola's Iridium Satellite Program. He holds 13 U.S. patents and several Motorola engineering awards.

Once the kids got a little older, Carol dusted off her degree in music and went back to work in the Music Department at Mesa Community College. At various times, she served as the organist at Community Christian Church in Tempe, St. Matthew UMC in Mesa, and 1st UMC in Tempe.

Jim and Carol have both been very active in vocal music through the years and were founding members of the Sonoran Desert Chorale in Mesa. They enjoyed performing all over the valley as well as tours that led to performing in major European Cathedrals and St. Peter's in Rome.

Carol is not attending today because of continuing health problems arising from a stroke two years ago. She fills her days with reading, TV, and working puzzles. Jim handles cooking, housework, volunteer work, and plays golf at least twice a week, more if he can fit it in.

David Mork

David joins Sun Lakes UMC by profession of faith. He lived in Twin Cities, Minnesota until 1993. Married to Sandy Mork for 56 years, they traveled the world until Sandy passed away in April 2025. A retired CPA, David enjoys time with his family (daughter Lisa, son Jason, and their families) and on the golf course. He is active in the Rotary Club and still enjoys travel.



THANK YOU!!

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who gave so generously in recent months. Because of your faithful and dedicated giving, we are pleased to share that we have *met our projected budget deficit*! What a tremendous blessing—and a powerful sign of this congregation's commitment to the life and ministry of Sun Lakes United Methodist Church.

Your response not only closes a financial gap—it speaks volumes about your love for this church, your trust in God's provision, and your desire to see SLUMC continue to be a beacon of hope and service in our community.

At the same time, we know our financial journey continues. As we look ahead, we face several pressing needs—including air conditioning repairs and future roof maintenance. So while we pause to celebrate this milestone, we also invite you to continue giving with the same spirit of faith and generosity.

Thank you for being the church—for showing up, for stepping up, and for believing in our shared mission.

With deep gratitude,

Pastor Jen



Every summer we take a hiatus with sending out the weekly newsletter.

For the month of July, we will be sending out the Kairos on **August 6th and August 20th.**



Are you here with us through the summer?

We are looking for a few friendly faces to assist with ushering in the upcoming months. Training provided! Kindly contact the office or Vel Amica at amicavel@gmail.com to join the team!



Dear Ladies,

I am sending this email early for the meeting in August because I will be away from my computer for the next 3 weeks. (There is no meeting in July).

The next UWF Unit Meeting will be held on **August 20th**, in Lindsay Hall at 1:00 p.m. The Leadership Team will be hosting, and we will be packing hygiene kits for Women 4 Women.

I know that many of us are away and enjoying cooler climates, so if you are here, and can possibly help, please do so! Thank you!



August 12th

BINGO Night Join us for a night of Bingo at Tuesday Nights Together! Bingo is back, and it's better than ever.

Participants will have the opportunity to play with more than one card, and no ink stamps are required.

There is a free-will dinner starting at 5:00pm and Bingo starting at 5:30pm.

The cost is just \$1 per card.

We will play several rounds of Bingo, with games concluding at 6:30 pm. Winners will receive exciting prizes, and the evening promises to be entertaining for all ages!

We kindly request that you RSVP by signing up in Lindsay Hall or by calling the Church Office (480) 895-8766 to ensure we have enough food for everyone!



Thank you to ALL who have baked and donated scrumptious cookies for Sunday morning fellowship!!



As the temperatures begin to rise and outdoor time becomes a bit more limited, it's the perfect season to cozy up indoors with a good puzzle.

We are in need of *Sugar Free and Gluten Free* cookies for these upcoming Sundays!

If you have donated any of these cookies, please note that there will be a new process with the containers. We will hold on to the containers for 4 weeks, then we will be discarding the containers.

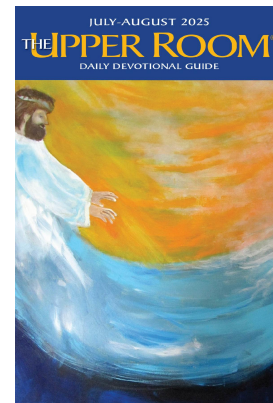
Sun Lakes UMC is delighted to offer a treasure trove of puzzles available for you to borrow and enjoy. Our puzzle corner has found a new home—now located on one of the counters in Lindsay Hall's lobby, making it easy to browse on Sunday mornings.

Be sure to stop by and see what our faithful volunteer, Judy Waters, has on display for you this week. You might just find the perfect puzzle to challenge your mind and lift your spirits



Did you know we are on social media? Here's a quick link to access our current Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sunlakesumc>



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

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



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!



In the month of August, as part of our stories before the offering, we need your help!

What gives you faith these days?

Why does this church matter to you?

If you have a 5-minute or less story to share, please contact Pastor Jen.

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED ON JULY 20TH



-By Carlene Baldosser and Joe & Geneva Bland in memory of brothers: David, Dennis, Terry and John Bland and Bill Hull.

-By Rick Vier in memory of George Reed's Birthday.

WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of Judy Yaryan, who passed away on Sunday, June 29th. A memorial service is pending. Please call the Church Office for any updates.

...to the family and friends of Stan Wengrzyn who passed away on Wednesday, July 9th. A family inurnment will be held.



July 2025: GENERAL BUDGET OFFERINGS



July 13th:

Attendance: 189
YouTube Watchers: 115
Week's Offering: \$13,275.00

Month To Date Giving: \$38,043.50
Monthly Budget Needs: \$50,000.00

July 20th:

Attendance: 161
YouTube Watchers: 169
Week's Offering: \$14,391.18

Month To Date Giving: \$52,434.68
Monthly Budget Needs: \$50,000.00

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