



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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FROM THE PASTOR



United Methodists Respond to Texas Flooding

As Texas reels from devastating flash floods that have claimed over 100 lives—including campers at Camp Mystic—United Methodists across the connection are stepping up to help.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**), our denomination's disaster-response ministry, is already at work. UMCOR has issued a **\$10,000** solidarity grant to the Rio Texas Conference to support immediate relief efforts.

What's needed most right now:

Your prayers and financial support.

If you feel called to make a special gift to support disaster response in Texas, you may give through Sun Lakes UMC by writing **UMCOR** in the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope. Together, let us lift up the families and communities affected by this tragedy, and respond with the love and generosity that defines who we are as United Methodists.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jen

June/July 2025: GENERAL BUDGET OFFERINGS



Church Financial Report

June 29th:

Attendance: 189
YouTube Watchers: 283
Week's Offering: \$8,152.00

Month To Date Giving: \$60,328.80
Monthly Budget Needs: \$60,000.00

July 6th:

Attendance: 213
YouTube Watchers: 90
Week's Offering: \$24,768.50

Month To Date Giving: \$24,768.50
Monthly Budget Needs: \$50,000.00

USHER NEWS

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!



KAIROS NEWS



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 **July 23rd.**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS 2025



- The June 2025 Annual Conference drew United Methodist leaders from

across Arizona and southern Nevada, under **Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut**, who continues to lead the Desert Southwest Conference. Held in Las Vegas, part of the North District of the Desert Southwest Conference, the event reinforced the conference's mission: *making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world* through equipping local leaders through the theme, "A Healthy Church for a Healthy World...and Let It Begin with Me."

- We heard reports from around the conference, voted on legislation and the annual budget for the conference, engaged in worship (including opening worship with a local Elvis singing gospel songs, and ordained new clergy. In total, 4 individuals were ordained as elders, 5 were commissioned as provisional members, and 1 was recognized as an associate member. It is safe to claim that our conference is the only conference to claim that Elvis participated in worship!
- The Mission Project for 2025, focused on food insecurity in the Las Vegas area. The Desert Southwest Conference gave \$28,524.40, just shy of its \$30,000 goal. Sun Lakes UMC supported this effort with _____ from our benevolence fund.
- Part of the conference was spent in workshops and speakers, including Kara Lassen Oliver, the Executive Director of St. Mary's Sewanee. Oliver invite the annual conference to root their faith not in striving or performance, but in personal, embodied practices that sustain the spirit in a vulnerable world. She emphasized **four spiritual practices**: claiming belovedness; deep listening; choosing joy intentionally; and metabolizing trauma through embodied disciplines. The session closed with a communal body prayer that affirmed faith begins with whole-person presence.
- During the final session of the conference, which took place on Sunday morning, the Bishop "fixed" the appointments, announcing all persons appointed to serve churches and beyond in the Desert Southwest Conference. Pastor Chan and I were both reappointed to Sun Lakes UMC for the coming year.
- As Pastor Chan and I begin the new appointment year, we look forward to serving in ministry with you. May the next twelve months help us engage in the challenge of being a healthy church for a healthy world... for it begins with us.

HELP US FEED THE FISH

We are *desperately* seeking a fish feeder for Fridays and Saturdays (once a day).

If you would be willing to stop by and make sure our fish get fed, please let the office know ASAP. Food provided – no earthly compensation, but the rewards in heaven will be abundant!



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?



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.

SOLA LUNCH OUT

If you are Single Or Living Alone (SOLA), we welcome you for a lunch out at Stone and Barrel in Oakwood on Friday, **July 11th** at 11:30am. Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or with the Church Office!

Come and enjoy some yummy food and wonderful fellowship!



SOLA BINGO COMING SOON



SOLA will be having a Bingo afternoon! Come enjoy some fellowship (and healthy fun competition!) on Friday, **July 18th**, at 11:30am in Lindsay Hall!

Please sign up with the Church Office or in Lindsay Hall. Bring a treat to share!!

COFFEE HOUR COOKIE NEWS

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

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.



HALE THEATER UPCOMING SHOWS



The Hale Theater 2025-2026 show season lineup is here! Prepare for an unforgettable year of performances!

In Lindsay Hall, there will be a flyer posted with the upcoming show, its date and time, located by the sign-up counter. If you are interested in going to any, please contact Christy Johnson or the Church Office! Tickets for the group (if there are 10 secured tickets) are \$45 each, which is a 30% discount off the original \$62 price.

The seats are located within the first 3 rows on the south side for every show. Tickets will be distributed within two weeks of the performance date.

We hope to see you there!!

PUZZLES AND POSSIBILITIES



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. 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

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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

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



NAME BADGES



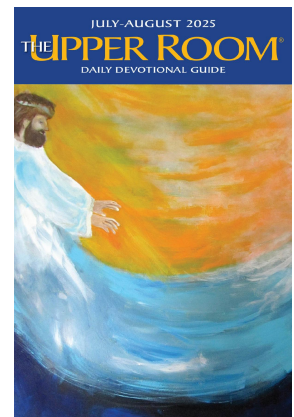
We are still taking orders for new name badges! They are \$10 each to cover a part of the expense.

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 JULY - AUGUST

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!



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



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