



Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

Sun Lakes, Arizona

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

"Remembering Rightly"

For Memorial Day Weekend

As we approach Memorial Day, we are mindful of the deep reverence this day holds. It is a time set apart in our national life to remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. At Sun Lakes UMC, we seek to honor this day with both gratitude and thoughtfulness.



On Sunday, our worship will focus on **"Remembering Rightly"**—a reflection on how we, as people of faith, are called to remember with humility, gratitude, and hope. Our sacred hymns and scriptures will center on God: the source of peace, the giver of life, and the One who holds all things in love. Worship, after all, is always first and foremost directed toward God.

Following worship, we will gather at the **Veterans' Circle of Honor** for a special service dedicated specifically to Memorial Day. There, we will offer prayers, reflections, and music in keeping with the spirit of this national observance. It will be a time to name, remember, and give thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

In this way, we hold space for both — remembering rightly in worship and honoring specifically through our community observance.

We are grateful for the service and sacrifice of our veterans, and we remember with sacred honor those who have died in the line of duty. May our remembrance draw us closer to God and inspire us to live lives of peace, justice, and compassion.

**See you in church,
Pastor Jen**

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURE



In observance of Memorial Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, **May 26th**. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27th from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Memorial Day, a federal holiday held the last Monday in May, is the nation's foremost annual day to mourn and honor its deceased service men and women.

Originally called Decoration Day, it was formalized by a "Memorial Day Order" issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan in 1868.

The modern proclamation calls on Americans "to observe Memorial Day by praying, according to their individual religious faith, for permanent peace."

"That Nation which respects and honors its dead, shall ever be respected and honored itself."

– Brevet Lieut.-Col. Edmund B. Whitman, 1868

MAY 2025: GENERAL BUDGET OFFERINGS



Church Financial Report

May 18th:

Attendance: 215
YouTube Watchers: 193
Week's Offering: \$8,252.00

Month To Date Giving: \$59,054.50
Monthly Budget Needs: \$62,000.00

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!



VETERANS CIRCLE OF HONOR

May is a busy flag month for the Veterans Circle of Honor. The flags will be lowered to half staff three times: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day (May 4th); Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15th); and



Veterans Memorial Day at which a brief Ceremony will be held following the Church service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, **May 25th** in the Monument. The Veterans Circle is handicap accessible, but there is limited seating available.

If you are a Vietnam era vet (or earlier) and would like an all expense trip to and from

Washington, DC, contact Honor Flights Arizona (tel: 928-377-1020) to apply. The list is long, but if you are a Church member, the Vets Circle will make a donation to move you up on the list.

NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Church Council is announcing a new outreach opportunity!!

Click below for some exciting news about outreach within our library!

See the FAQ's [HERE](#)



UPCOMING SOLA EVENT



If you are Single Or Living Alone, please join us on Friday, **May 23rd** in Lindsay Hall for a movie!

Bring a friend and some treats to share!

Sign up in Lindsay Hall or with the church office.

WEEKEND FISH FEEDER NEEDED

Walking through our beautiful Gardens, you will notice the calming sounds of our pond running. In that pond, we have a number of beautiful fish as well as beautiful water plants.

We need a volunteer who will come and feed the



fish Fridays - Sundays, plus any holidays that land during the week when the office is closed.

If this is something that interests you, please contact Lauren in the Church Office!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER



Starting **June 5th**, come watch and discuss Season 1 of The Chosen in Room 1 of the Education Building. It will be an 8-episode gathering, every Thursday (except holidays) at 10:00am hosted by Jerry Smith.

Please sign up in Lindsay Hall or with the Church Office!

BLOOD DRIVE IN JUNE

Join us on Thursday, **June 5th**, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm in Lindsay Hall.

Every few months, The Sun Lakes Lion's Club does an amazing job at hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drives here on campus!



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.

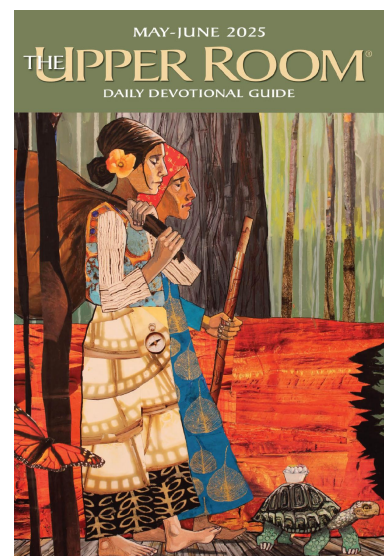
If you'd like to order a name badge, please contact the Church Office (480) 895-8766 and we will place an order for you!

THE UPPER ROOM MAY - JUNE

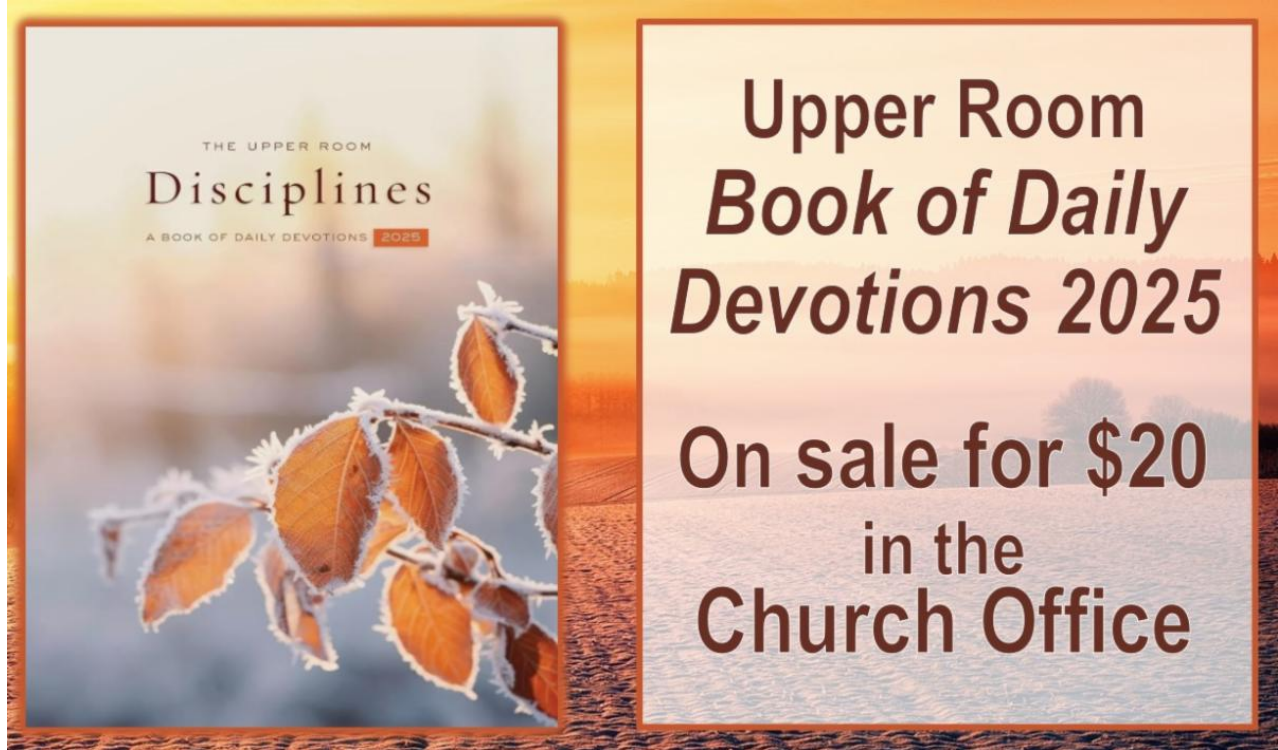
The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May - June 2025 is now available in the Church Office Foyer or Lindsay Hall.

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



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 Landon Osborn, family and friends of Marcella "Mart" Osborn, who passed away on Tuesday, May 6th. A private family service is pending.



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